

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES **July 23, 2014 1:00 PM MST (NT) / 12:00 PM PST (YT)**

Attendance

- GRRB office: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Jozef Carnogursky (Member), Charlie Snowshoe (Member), Amy Amos (Staff), Kristen Callaghan (Staff), Kris Maier (Staff), Janet Boxwell (Staff)
 - On call: Burt Hunt (Member), Doug Doan (Member), Cindy Allen (Alternate Member), Paul Teoh (Auditor)
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Eugene Pascal at 1:12 PM. There was a round table of introductions and confirmation that there was quorum.

2. Agenda

The Board added the following items to the agenda

- Update on the first quarter internal variance report under agenda item 5 “Financial Statements” after the review of the financial statements
- Approval of the annual activity report for 2013-2014 under agenda item 12 “Other Business”
- Update on the Grizzly bear hides discussion under agenda item 12 “Other Business”
- Update on the educational video for caribou under agenda item 12 “Other Business”

Motion # GRRB 2014-20	To approve the July 23, 2014 teleconference agenda, subject to the changes mentioned
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Cindy Allen
All in favour.	Motion carried.

3. Minutes

The draft minutes were provided for the February 2014 face to face meeting, March Teleconference and May Teleconference. It was decided to table a decision on them until the September 2014 face to face meeting to allow the members more time to review.

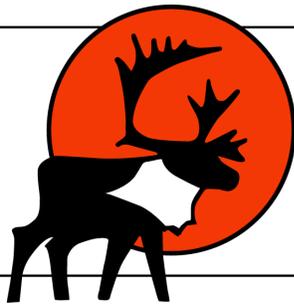
4. Conflict

Conflict will be declared as it arises.

5. Financial Statements

Paul Teoh (Auditor) went through the audited financial statements for the GRRB and the Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF).

[GRRB Statements](#)



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The main take away message from the GRRB statements is that the Board received more external funding than last year, the general operating has a small deficit (\$2,129), and projects were managed well and on budget. There was clarification given on the unspent funding in the general operating for species at risk. This will be used to extend the Special Projects Biologist position until March 31, 2015 and any species at risk consultation requirements during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The Board gave direction on how to properly present the funding they provided for a scholarship in 2013-2014. Paul complimented the Board for being fiscally responsible in managing their financials. Eugene acknowledged the Executive Director and staff for managing the budgets well.

Action(s):

- Board to look at the midyear variance and transfer any surplus to another eligible program
- Paul to make an adjustment on page 16 which lists \$1,000 spent towards office expenses which should be towards scholarship.

WSF Statements

The main take away message from the WSF statements is that the Board has not spent its initial principal and that the fund continues to handle using the annual interest for the WSF project allocations. The Board discussed their interest in following up with the investment managers on the investment fund and socially responsible investment options. Eugene met with the investment managers while in Edmonton in June 2014.

Action(s):

- Invite the investment managers to the upcoming GRRB meeting to present on the how the investment fund and to follow-up on the question of socially responsible investment options.
- Eugene will provide the Board with information he has from when he met with the investment managers in June 2014. Amy will share with all the members.

Motion # GRRB 2014-21

To approve the audited financial statements of the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board and the Wildlife Studies Fund for the year ending March 31, 2014, subject to the changes discussed.

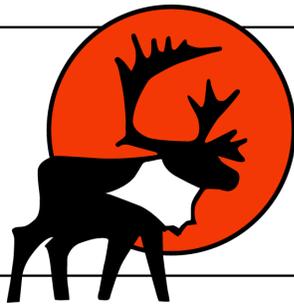
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

Seconded by: Cindy Allen
Motion carried.

Amy gave a quick update on the internal variance report for the first quarter which shows a surplus of \$13,842.58. This was emailed to the members on July 22, 2014.

6. Regulatory Policy

Janet went through the internal regulatory process which outlines the process we would take internally when responding to regulatory and research applications. The Main this to consider is the time element. The Board expressed concerns with limiting the response time to 30 days if that could fall outside of the RRC's meeting cycle. The option of responding within 30 business days or 45



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days was discussed. In the end the decision was to set the GRRB's response time to 45 days after receiving the application.

Motion # GRRB 2014-22

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

To adopt the internal regulatory policy with a response time of 45 days

Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
Motion carried.

7. Wildlife Act

Amy provided an update on the process and next steps. ENR is currently consulting on the proposed regulations to bring the Wildlife Act into force. Their goal is to have the Act in force by the end of November 2014. They will be taking a phased approach. The first phase only includes the regulations that are required in order to bring the Act into force. The second phase will include some of the concepts that require more input from the public and communities. The third phase will be ongoing and include any other regulations that would be looked at on a case-to-case basis. To get approval of the first phase of regulations, ENR will request a special meeting with the GRRB to in early November. In the interim, Amy will be attending the RRC meetings and seeking their comments to help the Board make their decision in November. There will be a Wildlife Act Working Group (WAWG) teleconference on September 29, 2014 and a face-to-face meeting in Yellowknife the week of October 27th, 2014.

The Board acknowledged that there are some good concepts in the new Wildlife Act and expressed their concerns with ensuring that these concepts are addressed with regulations in a timely manner. The Board also commented on the consultation document released by ENR for the proposed regulations and some concerns with the language used in section 5. There were concerns that using the "no one" could imply an Officer, ENR, or even the GRRB. It was also noted that if a Yukon person kills a bear they could protest to keep the hide.

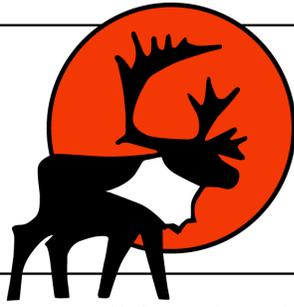
Action(s):

- Amy to email Rob Gau to inquire on what the timeline is for each phase
- Amy to request clarification of "no one" used in the document "Proposed New Wildlife Regulations for the NWT: Conservation for Today and Tomorrow" under section 5 (Page 11, top of page, last bullet)

8. Species at Risk

An email from the Special Project Biologist (Natalka Melnycky) was included in the meeting binder to provide the Board with an update on the current species at risk files. Amy highlighted this email. The Board was glad that Natalka was able to get a response to Cindy Allen's question about transboundary issues relating to species at risk and migratory game birds. The Board acknowledged Natalka for doing good work.

9. Dall's Sheep



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An email from the Wildlife Biologist (Kristen Callaghan) was sent on July 8, 2014. This email was included in the meeting binder. Amy summarized Kristen's email. The Board discussed the importance of approving the draft plan. It was acknowledged that there was lots of consultation done in the past. There are now new councils. Some of the past concerns included the way the plan was drafted to include actions with names attached. This is a different approach that other management plans and it may make it more challenging for some to approve it when they are committed to specific actions for a specific time period. There was also a transboundary issue and how to engage outside of the GSA as the Dall's sheep population moves across boundaries.

Action(s):

- Board members agreed to review the draft Dall's sheep management plan for the upcoming face-to-face meeting in September 2014
- Kristen will prepare a presentation for the September 2014 Board Meeting that will go over the survey results in context of the draft management plan
- Kristen to remove the implementation elements from the current draft plan
- Kristen to share the consultation history of the draft plan prior to the September 2014 Board Meeting (have consultation requirements been met)

10. Draft Bluenose 3-Herd Plan

The Board members were reminded that they committed to reviewing this draft management plan for the September Board Meeting. The Advisory Committee for the Cooperation of Wildlife Management (ACCWM) will be meeting September 24-26, 2014 in Inuvik. The goal is that the GRRB discusses the plan at their September Board Meeting and give clear direction to Eugene and Jozef who will be attending the ACCWM meeting. The goal of the ACCWM meeting is to reach a consensus to approve the plan.

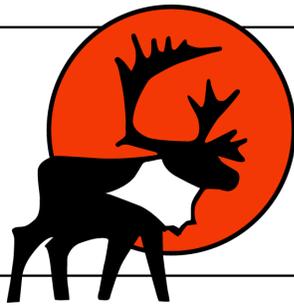
Action(s):

- Board members to review the draft plan "Taking Care of the Caribou: The Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds Management Plan" and come prepared to give direction on approval of this plan

11. September Meeting Plans

The Board agreed the following items need to be on the upcoming agenda:

- Initial review of the Wildlife Act regulations
- Discussion of the Dall's sheep survey results & possible approval of draft sheep plan
- Review & direction on the bluenose 3 herds management plan
- Update from our investment managers
- RRC session
- Invite GTC to the meeting
- Staff updates
- Printed copies of everything for Charlie



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12. Other Business

12a. Annual Report

The draft annual activity report was provided in the meeting binder. This is a reporting requirement that is due by July 29th each year. It is essentially a progress report on what the Board worked on in the previous fiscal year. It was noted that there were some inconsistencies with the dates throughout the document, particularly in the header and footer.

Motion # GRRB 2014-23

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

To approve the 2013-2014 annual activity report, subject to the changes discussed

Seconded by: Cindy Allen
Motion carried.

12b. Grizzly bear question

Cindy Allen asked for an update on the grizzly bear hides. As a result of the discussion at the February 2014 GRRB meeting a letter was written to ENR with standing advice on the grizzly bear hide situation. The letter was sent on July 8, 2014 to Stephen Charlie, Marsha Branigan and Doug Villeneuve. The standing advice indicates that the GRRB wishes for ENR to send hides for auction first in all cases unless the GRRB asks them otherwise. This was also sent to the RRCs encouraging them to let the GRRB if they wish to set up a different arrangement. The standing advice also included recommendations for what information is provided to the GRRB when kills occur (e.g. sex, age, description of deterrence attempts, details of why the bear was shot, when it was shot, location of kill, condition of hide).

The Board also discussed the spoiling of hides. It was noted that not many people tan grizzly bear hides but some may use them for rugs. It was also noted that there may be money available from GNWT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment to hold a workshop that could include tanning or rug making. The Board supported this idea.

12c. Educational video question

Cindy Allen asked for an update on education relating to the "let the leaders pass" message. One suggestion was to create an educational video. Information is getting out there about this message but not with a video.

12d. Upcoming dates

The Board reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. No comments were provided.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM.

Motion # GRRB 2014-24

Moved by: Charlie Snowshoe

To adjourn the July 23, 2014 GRRB teleconference