



## Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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### GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

November 1, 2016 10:00 AM MST (NT) / 9:00 AM PST (YT)

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#### Attendance

- GRRB office: Amy Amos (Staff), Cheryl Greenland (Staff), Kaytlin Cooper (Staff)
- On call: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Burt Hunt (Member), Doug Doan (Member), Jozef Carnogursky (Alternate Member)

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#### 1. Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 10:11AM. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

#### 2. Agenda

<b>Motion # GRRB 2016-45</b>	<b>To approve the November 1, 2016 teleconference agenda</b>
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Burt Hunt
All in favour.	Motion carried.

#### 3. Minutes

Approval of minutes was deferred to the next face-to-face meeting.

**Action # GRRB 2016-39 GRRB to review the Transport Canada handout that was supplied to GRRB by DFO staff, for potential GRRB comment.** Burt Hunt is fine with the information as presented.

**Action # GRRB 2016-40 GRRB to formalize and submit comments for SCOFO/DFO about its concerns with the current Fisheries Act.** The Board is happy if comments collected from the discussion are forwarded to DFO.

#### 4. Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF)

##### a. Review and approval of 2017-18 WSF allocation amount

Amy Amos spoke to:

1. WSF allocation \$82-88K, up to \$95K
2. Pushing 50% equities – seek support
3. Precautions
4. Annual schedule – October FC, February GRRB (agenda item in February 2017)

Burt Hunt elaborated on the importance of returns when reading our statements and the rationale for RBC's recommendations (December dividends).

Decisions are required around the allocation amount for the WSF and the equity pushing 50%

**Motion # GRRB 2016-46**

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky  
All in favour.

**To allocate \$88K to the Wildlife Studies Fund and return any unused amounts to the Fund.**

Seconded by: Burt Hunt  
Motion carried.

**Action:**

- Amy Amos to write a letter of support for how they execute the WSF policy.

**b. Confirmation of the GRRB interim research priorities**

Amy Amos went over her suggestions.

**Action(s):**

- Amy Amos to talk with ENR headquarters to see if there are funds available to help offset the costs of the harvest data collection project.
- Amy Amos to add an agenda item to the next GRRB meeting to discuss how to continue to fund the harvest data collection project. This should include identification of issues and an update on discussions with possible funding sources.

**Motion # GRRB 2016-47**

Moved by: Doug Doan  
All in favour.

**To support in principle priorities outlined in the 2017-18 Research Priorities list.**

Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky  
Motion carried.

*GRRB Staff member Kaytlin Cooper entered the meeting.*

**5. Reporting Requirements**

Review and approval of GRRB midyear report (includes a variance report). Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Amy Amos presented the report and explained the variance report.

**Motion # GRRB 2016-48**

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky  
All in favour.

**To approve the GRRB midyear report for 2016-17.**

Seconded by: Doug Doan  
Motion carried.

**6. Species at Risk Act**

Kaytlin Cooper provided an overview of her intent, to review policies that support the implementation of the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

- Do you find the policies clear and understandable?
- Do you have any concerns or recommendations regarding the policies?

**Discussion:**

Board members expressed concern with the complexity of the document especially. They questioned permitting and how that would unfold on the ground (example requested). The language is not plain and there is a lot of ground to cover. They requested that Kaytlin review and provide input, and perhaps ask for an extension to the November 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The second area of concern was around the policy document getting into a regulatory area. Usually regulations are a separate step. How does policy get transferred to regulations or enforcement? What are the actual regulations (or are there any)?

Board members asked for clarity around next steps after the November 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Will there be further opportunity to comment? Why is there no motion needed? Kaytlin to conduct a technical review of the document then share any of her comments with the Board prior to the deadline.

## **7. Meetings**

### **a. Agenda items for DFO meeting (week of November 21, Winnipeg)**

#### **Discussion:**

The Board had questions on travel dates, meeting dates and who would be attending. There will be SAR pressure on the agenda. Where is the staff interaction? We don't have a contact person.

#### **Action(s):**

- Share the agenda (comprehensive list) but change the wording so it is more discussion based. Work towards continued annual meetings.

### **b. Discussion on ACCWM meeting (November 29-December 1, Inuvik)**

Amy Amos clarified the meeting objectives. The Board questioned the number of people that the GRRB sends to a meeting like this. They would like tangible progress and if it is not occurring, the delegation will be smaller in the future.

### **c. Upcoming Meetings**

There is a joint CMA and SARC meeting on November 17, 2016. Jozef, Ron and Amy expressed interest.

## **8. In Camera**

## **9. Adjournment**

**Motion # GRRB 2016-49**

Moved by: Doug Doan

All in favour.

**To adjourn the meeting at 11:42AM.**

Seconded by: Burt Hunt

Motion carried.