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### 1 INTRODUCTIONS

Eugene Pascal, GRRB chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:12AM and gave an opening prayer. The board members and meeting participants introduced themselves. Eugene Reese, commissioner of oaths, witnessed the swearing in of Jozef Carnogursky as GNWT full member and Tracy Davison as GNWT alternate member of the GRRB. The meeting resumed and members agreed to declare conflicts of interest as they arose.

Meeting minutes were taken by GRRB staff Kristen Callaghan with assistance from Sarah Lord.

### 2 AGENDA

Review and approval of agenda

Motion to approve the February 2017 Board meeting agenda		Motion GRRB 17-01
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Burt Hunt	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

### 3 MINUTES

Review and approval of draft minutes

- Oct 5-6, 2016, Tsiigehtchic GRRB Meeting
- Nov 1, 2016 GRRB Teleconference

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5-6, 2016 GRRB Meeting and the November 1, 2016 GRRB teleconference		Motion GRRB 17-02
Moved by: Doug Doan	Seconded by Burt Hunt	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

### 4 ACTIONS

Amy reviewed the outstanding action items list with the board. Items with additional discussion and questions are described below:

**16-05** –GRRB to send a letter to SRRB regarding commitments made at joint meeting in fall of 2015 by the SRRB, to share harvest information. Ron and Eugene clarified that recently (Jan 2017) the GRRB, WMAC NWT and WRRB sent a letter to SRRB regarding the need for complete community data to properly assess herd status following on ACCWM discussions at the 2016 annual status meeting in November 2016. The board felt that this action item could be considered completed.

*Action item 16-05: update the action table to note that action item 16-05 is considered completed.*

**16-36** – GRRB decision needed regarding ENR wolf sample collection program

The board discussed this item and decided that the board was comfortable continuing with the program ENR has been following in the Inuvik Administrative region for the handling of wolf carcasses.

*Action Item 16-36: Follow-up on 16-36. Amy to convey the board decision to support the current ENR Inuvik Region procedures for handling of wolf carcasses to Marsha at ENR.*

**16-37** –GRRB review of fibre optic plans for potential impacts to amphibians. Janet clarified that they had replied to say that there are no apparent impacts (that are being currently assessed) to amphibians as most work on the fibre optic line is being done in the winter.

**16-40** –Nov 30, 2016 formal GRRB comments to SCOFO on the fisheries act changes were submitted. Note the typo in the year shown and correct it to 2016 in GRRB records.



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*Action Item 16-40: Amy to correct action item 16-40 with correct year (2016) GRRB advice to SCOFO was completed.*

**16-44** –GBMA poster –Amy clarified the timeline for completion of this item will be by this spring. She also noted that there is also a bear safety poster Kristen will complete in addition to this one. Kristen noted that she is also in conversation with RRCs (e.g. TRRC) about this issue to help them understand the GBMA as it is currently written.

## 5 REVIEW REPORTS

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Reports from board members and staff were included in the GRRB electronic binder. This agenda item provided time for questions and discussion about submitted reports.

### A. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Eugene reviewed activities and meetings he has participated in since the last board meeting, as listed in his report.

**Nov 28-Dec 02 ACCWM Meeting** in Inuvik –A lot of discussions at this meeting. The boards worked on understanding each other and working with each other to implement the management plan, especially the harvest data collection aspect of it. Situation in Sahtu is still there. Eugene hopes that they are moving forward to be able to provide information on harvest management. The IGC also asked Eugene to go on their tour in the ISR about the action plans to talk about GRRB perspectives on management. He was able to attend the meeting in Paulatuk. They have a different setup in their area with similar results. It was a good experience. Their meeting went well and they are interested in Eugene's participation again in future meetings about these shared herds. He missed the meeting in Tuk because of flight scheduling issues.

**Nov 20-24 DFO Senior Management meeting** in Winnipeg with Amy and Burt. This was a productive meeting to meet with management partners in DFO for our region. Discussions went well and resulted in improved understanding. As a result, we felt that we should meet with our other partners in a similar fashion. (Amy and Jozef met with Canadian Wildlife Service in Yellowknife.)

**Nov 4 –PCMB Conference of Management Authorities call**

**Nov 1 –GRRB conference call**

**Oct 24-27 Wildlife Act, Section 15 review**

**Oct 20 –CMA SAR\_GNWT**

He also noted that the GRRB is working more closely with GTC as well on these issues.

Questions on Eugene's update related to fisheries research priorities and DFO research, concerns about possible muskrat overharvesting while muskrat populations are low, and concerns about the potential impacts of muskoxen to caribou in the mountains.

### B. MEMBER REPORTS

Board members reviewed their written reports that were also included in the meeting binder:

**Jozef** –section 15 meetings; conference calls. Helped a little bit with interviews (Amy and Ron mostly did that). CMA meeting about lesser known species. Met with DFO in the region and echoed the same presence issue; met with Environment Canada CWS and talked about opportunities for partnerships on other projects. We need to be strategic in accessing funds there too, but there are opportunities.



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**Doug** –Board forum was held Dec 1 and there were a few items of interest to the GRRB. Highlights were: held in Norman Wells. Tour of Imperial Oil site and presentation by them on their reclamation plans for future. In addition, there was a briefing from a person who is an analyst for the treasury board and is looking at the resources needed by all the co-management boards (which have been static for 10 years) no guarantee on that; but looks optimistic. He thought might be successful for April 1, but might be subsequent year. Either it is looking very optimistic or he was optimistic. He got people excited. Other than that, another highlight: Next meeting is in Inuvik –the Inuvialuit volunteered to take the lead on it but referenced that they would be contacting the Gwich'in for a co-host situation. Not sure of the timing on that but that would be coming up.

**Ron** -ACCWM, CMA meetings, Staffing exercise with committee (Amy, Ron, Sarah Jerome) for the fisheries and forestry biologist position. It had 50+ applications and then we hired Sarah Lord. Ron also conducted a review of the executive director's performance. To be discussed in-camera. Followed up with other sources. Spent some time with Doug on policy issues. That is on the agenda also.

**Burt Hunt** -DFO Senior Management meeting; finance committee meetings. He also attended the Eco-toxicity conference at the University of Alberta and attended the fall board meeting.

### C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Amy reviewed her written report with the board. This included the status of staffing at the GRRB and term lengths that each staff has been working for the board, including new positions and openings, and recent training staff have taken including Supervisor Safety training and payroll training. She noted that a Service Canada application to hire a summer student and technician trainee has been submitted. Her update included actions taken for staff relations and work planning with staff.

She reviewed items related to financial administration, noting the role of the GRRB finance committee and what they work on at their meetings. She noted that there is room for one more board member on that committee. Amy also gave highlights of her core funding update to the GRRB and items related to Board Operations and Administration. She noted that the update of the GRRB's strategic plan and research priorities is scheduled for fall 2017. She also highlighted that a risk analysis approach is being used for operations and finances (e.g. safety policy, operational procedures manual, youth work experience, staff benefits).

Amy reviewed the status of GRRB membership, appointment status and vacancies. She also addressed items of Liaison and Communication she has been having with board, RRCs, co-management partners and the public. The 2017 calendar has also been produced and distributed.

Questions and discussion related to Amy's update included GRRB board vacancies and the board member appointment process, Section 15 Wildlife Act meetings, staff term lengths. Amy and the Board also took time to acknowledge outgoing wildlife biologist Kristen Callaghan's good work in her years as a GRRB employee.

### D. STAFF REPORTS (Q & A ONLY)

There were no questions.

### E. OTHER REPORTS (Q & A ONLY)

There were no questions.

## 6 RAT RIVER WORKING GROUP (RRWG)

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Colin (DFO by phone) and Sarah Lord reviewed their presentation. They discussed the role of the RRWG for the management of the Rat River Char population using information from the harvest monitoring program and the DFO science population assessments. They reviewed specific information obtained from these two programs.





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Population estimates from each process were presented from 1994 -2016. DFO estimated just under 16,000 fish; the harvest monitoring was about double that. The error bars from each overlap completely, which suggests agreement of the two processes, even though the numbers are so different. Mark-recapture can be complex to run which is why the programs differ: different methods & timing result in expected differences in estimates from the two processes. Sarah reviewed challenges to estimating the population (such as skipped migration such that char are not all available in the fishery, fishing conditions, and the low number of tagged fish recaptured) and the numbers of char harvested in various harvest location through the community monitoring process. Actual numbers of Rat River char harvested at Shingle Point are currently unknown due to delays at DFO in analyzing genetic data from those fishes. She suggested looking at what genetic data have shown in the last 5 years for char caught in the Beaufort Sea, because the contribution of Rat River char to Shingle Point take has been quite variable – as low as 5% of the total catch, or as high as 53% of the total catch, from 2011-2015 harvests. By doing this we can generate a range of the actual total catch of Rat River char. Using this estimated range, 2016 harvest was 556-700 fish: 3.5-4.4% of the 2015 population estimate. This means that harvest has been within the 5% safe level. Biological indicators show that the population appears to be stable.

Questions and discussion related to the presentation focused on a recommendation for the 2017 char harvest level, with general agreement that a harvest limit of 800 fish (5% of the fall seine population estimate) would be the maximum the board felt comfortable supporting. Additional discussion related to what number would meet community needs and the importance of good communications about the decisions of the RRWG meeting to char fishers and adherence to the agreed limits. The board recognized the good example this process is for co-management and the involvement of user communities in making decisions for managing their resources.

*Action item 17-01: To update the GRRB by its May or July teleconference on the outcome of the Rat River Working Group meeting and follow-up.*

## 7 SPECIES AT RISK

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### A. DRAFT FEDERAL SPECIES AT RISK POLICIES

Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)/Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) presenters via phone: Dawn Andrews, Isabelle Duclos, Amy Ganton, Carolyn Seburn, and Jacob Stone. They gave their presentation as submitted in the electronic binders.

The presentation reviewed

- the guiding principles for development of the new species at risk policies;
- the SARA cycle and policy linkages;
- the SARA policy suite:
  - listing;
  - survival and recovery;
  - critical habitat identification;
    - 1. when critical habitat is not the cause of SAR listing;
    - 2. when anthropogenic structures are part of critical habitat under SARA;
  - critical habitat protection;
    - 1. Protection of critical habitat on non-federal land;
    - 2. use of section 11 conservation agreements to protect critical habitat on all lands;
  - Permitting; and
- proposed next steps

This presentation was given in response to GRRB comment earlier that the policies are complex, making it difficult to give feedback on them. This presentation updated the GRRB and staff on the policies being drafted. If





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the GRRB had comments on the policies, board members were encouraged to write in with more detail in addition to any comments given during the GRRB meeting. The presenters noted that the policy suite was published on the SAR public registry online September 19, 2016 for an initial 60-day comment period, which has been extended to March 31, 2017. The ECCC is engaging with many partners and stakeholders to get feedback on them. Where SARA allows, modifications and refinement on the policies will reflect the feedback and comments received as a whole. Their target is to revise the policies by autumn 2017.

**Action item 17-02: To finalize and submit final comments, if any, on the ECCC Species at Risk policies.**

### B. DISCUSSION ON BARREN-GROUND COSEWIC ASSESSMENT

Dawn Andrews (CWS) spoke briefly to the COSEWIC assessments and listing timetables. Two species found in GSA: barren ground caribou (includes Porcupine herd with all barren ground caribou) assessed as threatened; transverse lady-beetle as Special Concern. Details for barren ground caribou –most have declined since 1990s. The transverse lady-beetle is probably okay in the north but has disappeared elsewhere on range. This is the first step to listing. Next step is for COSEWIC to complete final assessment and report and will provide in fall 2017. Formal listing process begins after the Minister receives the final COSEWIC assessment. We would expect barren ground caribou to have an extensive (10 month) consultation period (e.g. ending by October 2018). We understand GNWT SARC will be consulting on this for barren ground caribou and looking to work together on consultation.

Kaytlin spoke to the board on the proposed listing of barren ground caribou as threatened. There was a prepared written paragraph provided in the binder about the reason for the designation. She noted that the proposal includes Porcupine Caribou (which may be a concern); the second issue she raised is that the status meets the criteria for Endangered because of a reduction in numbers of  $\geq 50\%$  but Threatened is recommended because, overall, this population does not appear to be facing imminent extinction at this time. Kaytlin noted that if Porcupine caribou (PC) were removed from consideration with other barren-ground caribou in Canada, endangered might be more suitable for the listing because of the poor status of the other herds.

### C. TERRITORIAL SPECIES AT RISK

Kaytlin gave a brief overview of the NWT Assessment schedule & SARC check list. Her presentation was in the binder. She clarified that species includes species, subspecies or distinct population of animal, plant. She reviewed how eligible species are ranked to give priorities for assessment. Species with the highest score are typically assessed first. Species that have high community concern and that are used for food can also be given priority. Species can be bundled (e.g. all bats; all bees) together for assessment. Categories used for rankings are uniqueness, trends, community concern, rarity, threats, % in the NWT.

She noted that upcoming in 2017 for assessment in April 2017 and consultation in fall (Aug-November) 2017 are barren-ground caribou, little brown bat, grizzly bear. Consultation needs to be complete, ready for decision by mid-April 2018. She also reviewed which species will be assessed and consulted on in 2018 and 2019. She then reviewed the recent changes made to the ranking procedures to ensure that artificial high scores don't result to prioritize species not at risk.

A new category was added, called Positive Influences. E.g. Process in place that are having a positive influence (e.g. protected areas; management plans in place, etc.). Positive Influence scores would lower the score on the priority list, so those with good management would be prioritized lower than those without current management. Kaytlin also said that there is a correction on this needed in the available draft. She finished her presentation remarking that the checklist is reviewed each year, so assessment schedules can vary with new information.



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### 8 CARIBOU DISCUSSION

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#### A. UPDATE ON PCMB ANNUAL HARVEST MEETING

Janet Boxwell gave a verbal update to the board about the recent February PCMB annual status harvest meeting, to accompany her written update in the board electronic binder. She summarized the population indicators discussed at the meeting (e.g. Status of population size; pregnancy and birth rates; survivorship; calf to cow ratios, body conditions and health, and parameters of the recent harvest). She noted that Arctic Borderland Ecological Knowledge Coop and PCMB are talking about trying to harmonize the ABEK data in order to improve the utility of it for management.

Harvest reporting and amounts were also discussed at the meeting. She noted that the Gwich'in were the only party to supply reported and estimated harvest. Other groups provided only reported harvest, but not harvest estimates. The licensed harvest in the NWT was assumed to be maximum harvest of the 61 tags sold, as not all harvesters reported back. Licensed harvesters in the Yukon took 226 bulls, 6 cows (retrieving observed wounded animals and gifted to community), 5 outfitter bull tags used.

She noted that there was discussion on the guidelines for Sale, Trade and Barter of Porcupine caribou meat. Eugene noted that there has been a recommendation to keep the PC herd in the green zone based on the indicator information available.

Questions and discussion focused on funding options for the harvest study and timing for submitting harvest information, the need to give GRRB comments on the definition of commercial use to the PCMB and comments on the PCMB's trade and barter guidelines, and the need for the GRRB to create its own definition of commercial use, potentially defining commercial outfitting and guiding separately from other commercial uses. This led into the next agenda item's topic.

*ACTION ITEM 17-03: To follow up with GTC regarding GRRB request for financial assistance with harvest study, as there has not been a response from them yet. (see page 14/15 discussions)*

#### B. UPDATE ON DEFINING COMMERCIAL USE

Amy spoke to this item. She noted that the RRC regional outcome was a concern about seeing the sale of meat happening in their communities. She told them that the GRRB has the power to decide what is considered commercial. She noted trade and barter is allowed but that it is the GRRB's role to determine what is commercial use. Refer to the Consultation Rules and Procedures of the GRRB. It states that the GRRB won't do it unless asked to do it. (Why do it if no problem?) She encouraged the RRCs to let the GRRB know if they consider there to be a problem. They have done this through a resolution made at the RRC regional. They have requested the GRRB define commercial use.

Amy drafted a proposal for additional funding this next fiscal to assist with consultation on this based on the resolution. She can submit the letter with board approval and direction. Amy needs direction from the board on submitting this funding request.

Questions and discussion related to the cost of GRRB activities on this topic; differences between harvesting for commercial sale of meat and other commercial activities; issues that may result from different definitions of commercial use (PCMB vs GRRB) and the need for clarity in any definition uses (e.g. reasonable expense is vague in PCMB definition); GCLCA provisions for trade and barter, GRRB determination of commercial uses and GRRB role in determining terms and conditions for any outfitting and commercial harvesting it decides is permissible. The discussion concluded with thoughts on steps for GRRB staff to follow as the GRRB works on this issue.

*ACTION ITEM 17-04: To find funding for GRRB consultation on defining commercial use*



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### C. ACCWM: STATUS MEETING; DECISION ON HERD STATUS, RIVEST METHOD & ACTION PLANS

Kristen reviewed the prepared slides to update the board on the recent activities of the ACCWM and its working group. This included recent recommendations made at the ACCWM Annual status meeting in November 2016 for herd status and management actions. The board has been asked to support the herd status decisions of the ACCWM (Cape Bathurst herd =red/low; Bluenose-West herd =orange/declining; Bluenose-East herd =orange/declining) and decide on support of the action plans for implementation. The board will also need to respond to the Minister regarding the ACCWM recommendation to use the Rivest method for estimating herd size, which will increase the number of tags issued for Bluenose-West caribou.

Questions and discussion related to the status meeting session and discussion that took place at that meeting; GRRB position, concerns, and actions that may assist with recovery of the Bluenose-West and Cape Bathurst caribou herds and implications of adopting the Rivest method of estimating caribou herd size if harvest increases as a result (for which board members expressed concerns).

Motion to support the ACCWM action plans and the colour zone and the herd status of each herd with the understanding that these action plans now use the Rivest method.		Motion GRRB 17-03
Moved by: Ron Allen	Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

## 9 WSF PROPOSAL #1 "DALL'S SHEEP SURVEY, 2017"

Kristen presented the GRRB/ENR proposal for a June 2017 survey of Dall's sheep in the Northern Richardson mountains. Her presentation was included in the meeting binder. The timing of the proposed survey in June of 2017 follows the draft management plan actions for a population less than 500 sheep and possibly still in decline (as assessed by the 2014 survey). Survey results will be helpful to the GRRB in decisions on management actions. Currently there is a voluntary aboriginal harvest closure with required harvest reporting as some of the ongoing actions the Board requested of all management partners following the 2014 survey results. RRCs have been given the survey proposal and have begun sending in their support for the project (ERRC has supported to date).

## 10 WSF PROPOSAL #2 "PORCUPINE CARIBOU RUT COUNT, 2017"

Mike Sutor, YG biologist, gave a presentation requesting a funding contribution to assist with a rut composition survey of the Porcupine caribou herd. This survey will help to document the bull ratio, providing important information about the population structure of this herd. Surveying during the rut is necessary as it is the only time in the year when most bulls are expected to mix with cows. The bull ratio was first estimated 20 years ago at 60 bulls per 100 cows and most recently in 2010 at 57 bulls per 100 cows. This survey will use bull and cow collars currently deployed on the herd to find the caribou and classify a sample of caribou around each collar to arrive at the estimate.

Questions and discussion related to feasibility of community member involvement in the project where aircraft and flying conditions can permit this. Mike noted that high-level flights are most feasible for this with the caveat that flights are based out of Old Crow or Dawson (and involve a lot of circling), and are sometimes led by Alaska Fish and Game depending on where the caribou are at the time such that Canadians are not involved in the surveys at all.

### 2016 MUSKOX RESEARCH UPDATE

Mike gave a presentation reviewing the results of the April 7-12, 2016 spring muskox survey and additional muskox research done to date in the Yukon North Slope and Northern Richardson Mountains. His presentation



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had previously been given to the Aklavik RRC and HTC and was additionally supplied in the meeting binders and in hard copy for this GRRB meeting. There were 287 muskox counted during the survey. 189 were in the Yukon and 98 were in the NWT Richardson mountains. Combined with the count of 228 from Alaska, the population counted was 515, which is a decline from a population high of 700 in 1995. Although it is difficult to determine recent trend, the population has appeared stable over the past decade, or a slight increase. Mike finished his presentation by reviewing results of muskox and caribou collaring and results of a small pilot project of on the land observations of muskox and caribou. These two approaches have allowed for an initial analysis of interactions between caribou and muskox. Caribou directly observed were curious, approaching muskox and then continuing to where they were going. Results to date have not shown caribou making major changes to their pathways when encountering muskox. Further work is required to be more definitive.

## 11 WSF PROPOSAL #3 “ARCTIC BORDERLANDS COMMUNITY MONITORING”

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Heather Ashthorn, ABEKS, gave her presentation by phone. She broadly reviewed the program objectives & workplan for 2017. In 2016-17 monitoring was focused in Arctic Village and Old Crow. In 2017 ABEKS will complete their strategic plan and does work on harmonizing program results with other monitoring programs. Monitoring for 2017-2018 will resume in October 2017. She noted that there will be community visits to review revisions to the strategic plan, annual reporting to funders, an AGM in June or July, a workshop and communications planning. She talked about evaluation of the program, using the data, and planning for refinement of monitoring into the future to better meet user needs.

Questions and discussion touched on impacts of climate change to animal migration routes, locations and dates of interviews (October 2017), which communities participate in data collection, what data is and isn't collected, and the applicability of the data that is collected.

## 12 WSF PROPOSAL #4 “MUSKRAT MONITORING IN THE MACKENZIE DELTA”

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Chanda Turner, University of Victoria, presented results of her research on muskrat in the Mackenzie Delta. Her presentation was included in the electronic binders. Chanda reviewed research and monitoring activities from 2015-2018. This included the winter muskrats and muskrat predator carcass collection program. She reviewed what three predators were found to have been eating, based on supplied carcasses that had full stomachs. Foxes ate mostly snowshoe hare and voles and only 2% muskrat. About half of the diet of mink were voles, with snowshoe hare, fish and some ptarmigan and grouse making up the rest of their diets. Neither otters or mink were found to have muskrat in their stomachs. Both foxes and otter had some caribou in their stomachs.

Chanda also reported on the spring push-up and lake surveys done to look at where muskrats occur and how they are doing. She noted that more muskrat push-ups were found on larger lakes with long shorelines and that had more aquatic plants. These lakes had sediments that likely better support plant growth and were closer to the river and probably flooded more often. She noted that a lake near Jackfish Creek had about one third of historical push-ups, but it was good to see some there as community members had noted it had not had any for a long time.

She also reviewed results of traditional knowledge interviews that examined the cultural importance of muskrats and muskrat ecology. Next steps for this project aspect are to create a TK booklet based on the knowledge that was shared. She was interested in feedback on what such a booklet should focus on.

Chanda also talked about the final two steps of her proposal: to engage youth and the Dzan camp 2017. She requested 10K to continue the aerial survey to assess muskrat numbers and to help have multiple years for comparison to the 1960s and 1970s records. She also requested 5K to increase the number of youth and the number of days youth can be involved. This helps build capacity for monitoring programs and opportunities for



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youth to get on the land. WSF funding would help contribute to the running of the Dzan 2017 camp at Jackfish Creek ENR Cabin in spring and fall.

Questions and discussion for Chanda related to GTC involvement in the TK data collection, clarification of otter stomach contents to date (muskrats have not been found in otter stomach sampled; speculation on sources of caribou in otter stomachs), beaver numbers and muskrat population trends.

### 13 WSF PROPOSAL #5 “YOUTH: TRACKING CHANGE”

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Chanda also presented a proposal for a project on behalf of Tracy Proverbs, called Tracking Change, to look at the impacts of environmental and socioeconomic changes to Gwich'in fishing livelihoods. This is part of a larger project led by Brenda Parlee at the University of Alberta that also looks at watersheds in Brazil and in Thailand. This project has a website ([www.trackingchange.ca](http://www.trackingchange.ca)). It is just moving into its second year. Partners to the project in the GSA include the GRRB, GTC Lands Department and also GTC Department of Cultural Heritage.

Chanda noted that in 2016 there were some initial camps held in GSA communities, including youth involvement and training, some fish monitoring and later in November interviews with TK holders. She described what youth did at the camp in 2016 and what Tracy is proposing for the 2017 camps and interviews and what the GRRB and communities suggest the camps and interviews might focus on. She noted that the youth will be hired through the University of Victoria.

There was then short discussion on safety training for youth that touched on the GRRB's safety policy and the requirement for project leads to meet or beat that policy before any GRRB funds are released.

### 14 WSF PROPOSAL #6 “YOUTH: COMMUNITY MONITORING OF PEEL RIVER”

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Emma Hodgson, U of Washington, called in by phone to discuss her proposal for community monitoring on the Peel River with youth. She described who the researchers are who are involved in the research project (Emma Hodgson, Rachel Hovel, Jonathon Moore and Trevor Lanz). Emma is a PhD student working at the university of Washington. This summer she will a post-doc researcher at Simon Fraser University. Her research focus is climate impacts on fish and fisheries. Rachel Hovel's focus has been on Lakes in Alaska looking at species diversity and climate change in freshwater ecosystems. Jonathon will be her supervisor at Simon Fraser. He looks at how humans affect migratory fishes in large river systems. Trevor Lanz helps to oversee the Tracking Change project, among other research he does through the University of Victoria.

The overarching project is harvester-based data collection of broad whitefish in the Peel River. Emma reviewed the rationale for the project. She noted that there are three migratory types of this fish (those that migrate to the ocean, those that migrate to the delta and those that stay in the rivers) in the Peel, but not a lot is known about where they spawn and how many of each type are found in the Peel. Community concerns about changes to the region may affect these fish differently. So, to understand the consequences for both the fish and harvester catches, it is important to know fish ecology and harvester catch composition. WSF monies would be used to assist with youth engagement in this project.

Questions and discussion with Emma related to the budget and the compensation paid to youth in the proposal and a suggestion to standardize payment rates across her projects. Emma agreed to make an adjustment and resubmit her proposal before the end of the GRRB meeting. She clarified that the project is taking place on the Peel River and not on the Arctic Red this year.





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### 15 WSF PROPOSAL #7 “YOUTH: GRRB PROJECTS”

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Janet Boxwell, GRRB staff, reviewed her prepared presentation with the GRRB. She described the recent change from the Youth Work Experience Program to the Youth Work Experience Fund. The YWEP helped the GRRB coordinate opportunities for youth to work with outside researchers. Initially there was a lot of in person contact with the GRRB staff and the youth but increasingly, less over time. Youth were employed by the GRRB but did work with outside researchers from other organizations. This year the change to it being a fund allows for researchers to apply to the GRRB for funding, removing the GRRB liability for direct employment while still providing training and experience opportunities. (To ensure safety of the youth through the program, researchers must demonstrate they have a safety plan that meets or beats the GRRB's safety plan for research program activities.) Janet noted that she is applying on behalf of GRRB staff for \$5,000 from the WSF fund to reserve for employment of youth in GRRB specific projects as they arise through the year. This will likely include short term projects in GRRB research as well as involvement in educational projects. She described past activities youth have been involved in and possibilities for the next fiscal year.

### 16 WSF UPDATE “GSA HARVEST DATA COLLECTION PROJECT”

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#### A. RESULTS OF GWICH'IN HARVEST DATA COLLECTION JUNE 2015-MAY 2016.

Janet reviewed the information collected from harvesters during the previous year. The timing of the collection matches up with the Porcupine caribou harvest data collection program, although the GRRB also collects information on harvest of all caribou, Dall's sheep, moose and muskox. She noted that reporting rates from all communities were down and was seeking new methods in collaboration with each RRC to try to raise reporting rates.

Questions and discussion related to harvester reporting rates that have been documented this year relative to past years and to differences between communities. Janet noted that there has been high participation of Fort McPherson harvesters. It was pointed out that the project is focusing on ungulates and not all wildlife and fish harvested. A question about program funding led into the next agenda item:

#### B. FUNDING THE HARVEST STUDY

Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director, spoke to the board about the needs of funding the harvest study. She noted that the GRRB had an action to look for long term funding sources for this project. She sent an email to GTC and ENR (signatories to PCHMP in GSA). GRRB is not a signatory but is key to the implementation of those plans. No reply from GTC yet, but heard back from regional ENR and headquarters on this. Both were favourable to working with us on providing some funding. Headquarters is willing to look at providing \$25K/year for a three year contribution agreement. There may be changes in future after the three years. This would come from Wildlife Act implementation money. I did not approach PCMB. I didn't think they were an option. It seems like there may be a good potential going forward. Janet did not put a proposal going forward. Due to the low harvester participation, if funds are deferred, she has project funds available going forward. Janet has some new ideas to try to increase harvest participation; perhaps the deferred money could help with new concepts. One idea is going with me (and Gina maybe) to tour the different communities to talk about the rationale for reporting. To attract people to the face to face meeting, we would also use some of those funds. Work on an attractive ad. Try to get people who sometimes don't come to the meeting and are the people we need to talk to.



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Questions and discussion were about Gwich'in Minimum Needs Level calculations, rationale for collecting harvest location, and funding sources possible for the harvest study and options for extending and enhancing the program depending on funding received.

### 17 RRC & PUBLIC SESSION

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Amy reviewed the purpose of this session with the meeting participants, reviewing the mandate of the GRRB and the GRRB and RRC roles in accomplishing their mandates. The session allows for open discussion between the RRCs, the public and Board members.

William: We see a lot of changes on the landscape –there are a lot of banks and trees falling in. There is not stabilization of the country. We also see a lot of lakes breaking out. There is a lot of water going into the river and is gone. A lot are emptied. I would like to see some video pictures of the country-of the lakes we know that are getting bad. We see them all. If you travel down and up the Peel you are starting to see water and mud seeping into the water. That will impact the fish, the animals and the waterfowl that depend on it. Could the GRRB take some videos and pictures of that in our country? No one else has done that (except for sump folks?). Not much done on climate change. It might be a lesson for us to see something like that. You wouldn't believe the change that is happening. Everyone is seeing it. Right in the Delta. Eddie McLeod's house is sitting out on a ledge, it will slide into the river this year. It is happening all over the delta. You can see where lakes are ready to break through. In two or three days of filming from a boat you could have it done, travelling all over. On Three/Tree? Cabin and all the way up.

Tracy: We should talk to GNWT Lands Department; they may be doing something like this already. I saw a video that the Geomatics was using. They have a drone to film the Tuk-Inuvik highway but I think it was also being used for slumps.

Amy: Maybe ARI too?

Tracy: We should see if we can find out and get a presentation at the next board meeting

**ACTION ITEM:** To contact GNWT Lands Department and ARI to inquire whether there is filming of landscape change being done currently by those organizations and to invite a report or presentation to the TRRC and to the GRRB.

Eugene: Agree, it would be good to get some of those areas documented, especially if people are seeing that a lake is going to drain.

William: I have taken pictures. When our parents were young and you look at those pictures, there is nothing on it around it (Hudson Bay); today it is nothing but willows and trees and you can't get down the hill. There will be more changes over time. That is making a big impact in the life we live. A lot of the elders say we will go back to the old ways again. The old trails that our people are talking about are dropping off. It is not like old time anymore. Protect and preserve it and keep it alive. That little trail was made by Roy Wright down by the Hudson Bay; it is grown over now. Not too much people are using it now. The willows are getting really thick. We can't stop it or do anything. In Fort McPherson, where we cut willows down it got bigger and higher. I think about all that and I think in another 10-20 years what the change might be. People that go to their own cabins could also help with this research. They are seeing a lot of change. It is important to note and document this. I was hoping that GTC Culture department could do this too. I was going to talk to them about it.

Doug: A comment that came up in Norman Wells is that the slumping has closed the pipeline. Recently, it is still unfixed. They have run out of storage and so the field has been shut down. Big consequences of some of this change.

William: it is happening fast. Not as much snow. Warmer. It is warm weather. It should be 50 below now but it is warm. The weather is changing drastically. I don't know what we can do about it but documenting it should be done now.

Amy: For the notes, to help with this





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Action Item: To contact Steve Kokelj about the landscape change documented in his work. What areas and results? Share results with TRRC.

Action Item: Regarding this new proposed work by Emma in the Peel, to ask her if she could include video to help document landscape status and change.

Action Item: Janet to add this interest (landscape change/video of landscape to document current state) to the research interests list.

Action Item: If in accomplishing action items 17-05 to 17-08 above, we find information has been compiled about landscape change to forward it to TRRC.

Amy: over the course of a couple of seasons, Kristen had cameras up in the mountains. If there is interest, she can show it after we are done the session.

John: The same thing is happening up the Arctic Red. Lakes draining into the Red. Cabins also suffering from ground erosion under them. Same thing up the channel also. I haven't seen them for 8 years ago. Up the river, the folks from Good Hope travel and they say there is a lot of ground falling in, even up in the flats. I don't know how that happens. I saw it myself 5 years ago. Over just 2-3 days there were two wash-outs. There used to be a cabin at sundry/sunny river? It is happening all over the place; don't know what makes it happen. Someone should check that. Long ago people used to stay all over on the river and fishing, but now today it is not like that. People only go a few miles from town. We say it is our land to take care of it, but we have to patrol it—our patroller doesn't even know the country (He is Inuvialuit).

Richard: I hear of a lot of surveys being done. Is there anything being done with the wolves? This year we really noticed it. There are moose all over the delta—wolves all over the place. Is there surveys being done on them?

Eugene: There is a carcass collection program but I don't know of anything else. It compensates hunters for wolves hunted.

Kristen: Moose survey and sheep survey will also document wolves observed. Not designed for wolves, but if they are around where moose or sheep are during those surveys or where we fly, we will document. We can compare wolf numbers seen between moose surveys (2006-2011-2017) and between sheep surveys (2006 2010 2014 2017) and get back to you.

John: Wolves also migrate. It is dangerous to the trappers and all that. 28 in a group or something, I heard. About 10 miles from Arctic Red, they killed moose. Nothing was left but bones. They take caribou too.

Eugene: Anything to talk to us about our mandate and what we are doing or could be doing? Sometimes when we put the word out it helps us (e.g. contacting Jeremy and him being able to assist with new project).

Allen:

1. Thank you to Kristen for all the work she has done over the years.
2. Regarding the wildlife Act, it will be helpful that they will be doing workshops.
3. Re GBMA, future amendments to it?

Amy: yes.

Allen: Nothing else to add, but about fish—we eat a lot of different kinds of fish. Would be good to have baseline data around here, not just way up the river. They don't run on schedule like they used to.

Also, a pat on the back to the GRRB staff for the good work they do.

Eugene: We have heard about this (too much concentration on char); we talked to DFO on this. Lots of work done in the past on other stuff. Burt used to do that when he was a young man. We have been encouraging DFO and for other



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researchers to help address this. To spread the word. We have baseline data from back then to compare to. Good to hear about some work planned for down the Peel on broad whitefish. It is coming slowly. We are presenting ideas and things like that to other biologist and organizations who may be able to do that work.

4. Something that was mentioned from a community member to me. He wondered what the GRRB does and wondered if I worked for him. I explained your mandate. He wondered if you did your work on the food we eat and I said yes. He said to make sure the GRRB does their job on this.

Eugene: it is important for us as a board to hear what you are hearing as an RRC and as people close to the communities and who work with our harvesters and that to ensure that we are going in the right direction and acting on the issues out there. It is one thing that we as a board and staff have been doing. We are listening and documenting what we have been hearing and relaying that information to the board for discussion and to see what we can do.

John Norbert: I am not against the GRRB –you are doing a good job. When it comes to a board meeting like this, you have to get information out of us. That is what it is all about. We are the hunters and trappers. We see things. That is what we tell you. I know it is a lot of money to do research and we don't expect you do to it all in 1 day, but in 100 years, maybe you could do it.

William: Thanks to the board for all the work you have been doing. It is a long time since I have come. Thank you all and to your staff. Thank you to Kristen for many years of service. That work will be documented forever. Thank you to Amy and Jozef and the rest of the board. You have done a great job. The work with the universities is important too. Robert Alexie's daughter Elaine is trying to access more money for the north. Touch base with her to see if you can get some funding; they may be working with Fort McPherson. Maybe see if there is funding for other communities in the GSA?

Eugene: Interesting that we are still kind of a young organization and we are still learning in research and that field. When we went to Winnipeg in November to meet with DFO, right across the street was University of Manitoba. They talk to the students and professors. To get work done. They find money to do that work. That planted a seed in our discussions too. To get some questions answered, talk directly to professors and students to help get questions answered. This may help us get more done.

Burt: I met with Elaine Alexie in Edmonton in September. She said that they want to work with us. That may help get more opportunities; share information and so on. Haven't heard from her since. She was going to be in touch with us. She has Amy's contact information. We are all on the same tack. All young and busy and trying to get things moving.

William: Remind you guys. You hear about Gwich'in Peter and people who come to our community and study our culture, tradition and beliefs and write a book about us. That is information too, that we can use some day. Gwich'in Peter just wrote a whole book. In Sweden, etc... He gave it back to us. They keep doing that through Culture and Heritage. That helps preserve our information. In AK, they do a lot of that. Touch base with those people too and you will have more information. The information is valuable. Our people have a lot of knowledge. We all have a lot of history of our grandparents and what they did in their lifetimes to survive. Everything. People listen to the elders and tell stories about what they have done to survive. My dad said that the kicker broke and they used a part from a gun to fix it. That is how they survived out there. A lot of good strong culture. Ours and no one else's.

Amy: You reminded me of a few things I didn't highlight in my update. In the last year and couple of years, I have been trying to put more focus on work like you said. Like what ... is doing, like what people are doing for research, communicate our research interests and at community level. Encouraging community research and in a way that includes communities right front the beginning (questions, doing it, reporting) all from beginning to end. There is a way to do work in a more meaningful way. In addition to Burt's meeting in Alberta. GNWT sent him to a research meeting and he presented our research priorities there. Janet and I went to Arctic Net. We presented on the research interests and priorities process with goal to get researchers to develop research using questions we are asking here. This will help with more meaningful work.



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My first video conference meeting was via the ARI office –I talked to students about research in the north. This year, we are seeing more people asking for research support and more contact from researchers. My hope is to have them help answer questions. We can't do it all ourselves.

William: back in my day people were not recording. Back in my Dad's day traders would build stores (there weren't others; just RCMP and nursing station). Everyone was out on the land. ...material would be brought in by steam boat. Now that is not recorded. Something that has to be recorded in time. Red Andrew and others kept our people alive along the way I want to see that too. Talk to the elders and record it. It is a valuable tool, they used those days. My dad said if they weren't there, we wouldn't be here. I wanted to mention that.

Richard: Every Gwich'in org took some financial cuts. I am assuming that happened to RRB too?

Amy: We get our funding from the federal government (INAC). Our funding is set every 10 years. We haven't experienced cuts, but that imp plan expired 3 years ago. They were reviewing. We continued to get incremental increases. Until the new Imp plan is in place. We hope it will be this year, hopefully we will know by April and have funding mid-year. We requested a sig increase to do the work we need to do. We hope we get an increase. That would set 5-10-year funding. We don't get funding from GTC.

Richard: concerns about funding coming from GTC to community orgs.

Eugene: we are funded separately. It is negotiated by GTC and INAC. Hopefully we will be stable again and with increase to do the work we need to do.

Richard: has the RRB ever had a full board?

Amy: last year we were pretty full.

Eugene: we want to encourage, (with right now the way it is we have one alternate for GTC –there are 3 members and 3 alternates to fill) We hear one will be appointed soon. There are still other seats available. Talk to people if there is interest. Go through the process with GTC of getting appointed. That is something we have faced a few times. The size gets small at certain times and then bigger again.

Richard: trouble with quorum sometimes?

Eugene: we need 50%+1 of appointed members. We could have a quorum of 2 of all that are actively appointed. We don't like that. It happened once. WE have told INAC we don't like that situation. We try to push the Privy Council to speed it up. We make that point when we can with them. Help spread the word about board vacancies to get people interested and appointed. We as a board have no say about who gets appointed. It is up to the nominating body (like GTC) who they recommend for appointment.

Ron: I want to compliment the RRCs on the work they do. We appreciate their work and how they interact with our staff. We look at other organizations and consider ourselves very lucky. Thank you very much for the work you do and for bringing things to us.

Amy: There is dinner at 5pm. A meet and greet. Tomorrow is open and RRCs are welcome. It will be administrative and financial agenda items. It is up to you if you want to come as RRCs. Then the board will go in-camera at noon.

## 18 FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### A. WSF WITHDRAWAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017-2018 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS

Phil Anselmo, by phone, reviewed the summary RBC provided to the GRRB for this agenda item in the meeting binder for the board. Phil also reviewed how RBC advisors come up with the WSF withdrawal amount and commented on other global financial issues that affect the investments of the GRRB (e.g. possible change from 35% to 20% change in corporate tax rate in the U.S. and relation to offshore holdings of other companies that will affect the US economy; possible change to US banking regulations that affect the amount of income of banks; and change to US interest rates; among other items discussed that impact GRRB investments).



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Questions and discussion related to the GRRB's policy on interest rates and equities, investments in Canada, the US and globally, and considerations on the amount to be withdrawn this year from the Wildlife Studies Fund. Board continued to discuss this and reviewed the board's current policy for RBC management of GRRB investments. There was suggestion for further correspondence with Phil on this. They noted that the GRRB had recommended pushing to 50% although this wasn't reflected in the policy at hand to the board (2016). Amy wondered if there was board direction that wasn't reflected in policy changes. Board members concurred that this had likely happened. The board noted that the policy should be updated to reflect this past direction.

There was further board discussion on potential changes to make to the policy. Doug recommended doing a bit more research and discussion on this, then talk to Phil again before making a decision about policy changes. Burt noted that the current policy in the binder is not reflecting what Phil presented. There was additional discussion about work for the finance committee to do and then to come back to the board for discussion and decision.

Phil briefly rejoined the meeting to answer board questions about the board's policy, how RBC complies with GRRB instructions in relation to its composite portfolio, and implications of possible changes to these instructions. Amy noted that the next scheduled meeting of the finance committee will review the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and will make recommendations for consideration at the board's next teleconference in May. She noted that it would be helpful to have RBC recommendations on changes that could improve returns for the committee to consider. Phil remarked that RBC can prepare that for the board.

#### B. MEETING UPDATE, FINANCIAL UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Amy reviewed the financial 3rd quarter update from the finance committee in the binder and the word document. She noted that Sarah hasn't been able to make a couple of calls with the finance committee because of scheduling conflicts and that the committee's Terms of Reference require at least two board members. However, given the membership of the board (and board vacancies) it was felt that the rest of the committee should still meet. Amy, Burt, Cheryl met and took notes which were made available to the board.

Amy reviewed the report and then went through the recommendations. The board had a short discussion on the recommendations related to the GRRB's good cash flow, and the need for training of some committee members to improve understanding elements of the balance sheet.

She then reviewed project funding and internal project funding in her report. The board discussed deferrals of external contributions and flexibility of use of these contributions, compensation to RRCs, harvesters and interviewers for elements of the harvest study, and sources of funding for the RRCs to fulfil that part of their mandate (to provide harvest data).

Amy completed her presentation with a review of the financial report and status of project funds. The board discussed income and expenditures for the summer student and technician trainee funding

#### C. SOLICIT NEW MEMBER TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Doug was nominated to stand on the finance committee with Sarah and Burt. Sarah Jerome has expressed interest in continuing.

Motion to add Doug Doan to the GRRB Finance Committee		Motion GRRB 17-04
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Burt Hunt	
All in favour	Motion Approved	



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### 19 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN

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#### A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2017-18 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN

Amy reviewed the 2017-2017 Budget with the board.

Questions and discussion included sources of funds in the budget to pay for annual leave versus employee salaries, uses of WSF monies, and what does and doesn't qualify for WSF support as knowledge and research gathering projects funded by WSF (according to the policy for that fund as in the original agreement with INAC based on the implementation plan). The board also discussed the request for additional implementation funds to support management planning development and implementation in addition to other items in its work plan.

Amy then reviewed the workplan for 2017-2018 with the board. The board decided to have further discussion in-camera and then to come back out of camera for this motion.

Doug brought up a new idea of use of the newsletters to communicate the need for the GTC appointments.

#### B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS

Amy noted that a request for supplemental funding was submitted and if successful, should come in early April. In addition, if all goes as planned the package will go to the Board in early April and a new funding agreement will be put forward to the Board. If that occurs, Amy would have to re-do the budgets because they are based on the old one-year extension, and if the board receives a new funding agreement, it may be in place by second quarter of next year. Monthly payments will change based on the date given.

##### 1. Strategic Planning and Research Priority Workshop/Fall 2017 GRRB Board Meeting

Amy discussed her vision for this fall workshop. She recommended and has budgeted for the Board to have a 2-day meeting in Aklavik in November. The budget includes the cost to hire a facilitator, and her cost of attending, hosting, planning the workshop, and delivering the results to the Board.

The board needs an updated strategic plan and an updated research priority list. Amy explained her rationale for moving the board to have a shorter 5-10-year strategic plan that can be more easily incorporated into the board's annual workplan as a small document (possibly as short as a single page). The strategic plan sets the objectives and the work plan lays out details of how the Board is achieving the strategic plan objectives. The strategic plan should also identify measurable performance indicators. As an example the strategic plan could set an objective of engaging youth, with a performance indicator of the number of youth interested in this field. A workplan report on this objective and measure can then note that the GRRB has hired a certain number of youth under the program, noting number of school visits and of what kind, and can be reported on annually. This process should assist the board in reviewing its strategic plan and evaluating whether it achieved what it wanted to achieve.

Amy noted that the budget for this workshop and meeting does not include paying RRCs an honoraria; it only incorporates 2 RRCs from each community because that's what's included in the core budget. She noted that if the GRRB would like more councillors to participate, then more funds will need to be allocated to that meeting



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Amy then reviewed the general agenda of the 2-day meeting, which will be held in Aklavik. There would be a call to order, the workshop agenda, approval of the last GRRB meeting minutes, and then begin the workshop. She noted that if there was an important decision item, that could be discussed before moving into the workshop session, but that could also be dealt with during a teleconference instead of at the meeting or held in the evenings after the workshop, although there is a trade-off as the face to face day-time meetings tend to be more public. She noted that staff and other organizations could still provide progress reports, but that she would recommend those not be reviewed during the meeting time, but at the board's own leisure.

The board then discussed the merits of holding the research priority workshop prior to the strategic planning session rather than afterwards and whether the strategic plan needs to be specifically only one page versus a very concise summary which would be less prescriptive.

#### 2. Supplemental request: Defining commercial use

Amy then reviewed her supplemental funding request to support the board defining commercial use. She noted that the budget considered the costs of legal advice (as quoted by 3 different lawyers) for an initial opinion, and advice during and after consultations. Amy foresees being the lead herself, but her workplan is also full, so there may be worth in having a separate person compile the information and present options to herself and staff that Amy could then present to the board. The Board could then agree on an approach (or the top 2 or 3) that could then be brought to the communities by Amy with 2 or 3 staff. This would follow the consultation policy. Amy noted the timeline is tight for it to happen between now and next February. She's tried to budget it for this fiscal year. Timing could also be affected by the outcome of the funding request and when and or if that is approved.

Board Direction: Support to send the 2 supplemental request letters as is. (Rearrange the work plan in the document)

#### C. REQUEST FOR DEFERRED REVENUE

Motion to approve the deferred revenue recommendations		Motion GRRB 17-06
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Doug Doan	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

## 20 SAFETY UPDATE

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Amy reviewed safety incidents since last GRRB meeting. The only incident was a tripping hazard from a piece of carpet pulling up in the hallway. It has been duct-taped down. She will talk with the new landlords about renovations and include carpet replacement. In November, all staff took the Supervisor Safety Training. Sarah is taking her course next week.

Amy's vision is for the staff to all have the supervisor safety training to understand the job-risk analysis document's purpose. This will help with that document review by staff. Goal is to have that document reviewed by staff before the summer. The GRRB has a call planned for May and July. Hopefully will see it come to the board then.

Questions and discussion focused on the training topics and the operational document, the job risk analysis. The board then discussed youth hires and what ages of persons fit the category of "youth", the liability for youth





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involved in GRRB led or funded projects as well as steps the GRRB may need to take to mitigate particular risk to vulnerable youth as well as to mitigate safety risks to youth in projects.

Action Item: Get legal opinion regarding whether all persons working with minors (or just project supervisors) should have vulnerable persons check.

## 21 OPERATING PROCEDURES

Policy Subcommittee, GRRB. Discussion regarding policy review and update on employee benefits. This item was discussed in-camera. Motions and actions arising from this discussion are in section 22 below.

## 22 ADJOURNMENT

The board agreed to set the location and date of the next fall meeting as: Aklavik, Sept 19 & 20, 2017 (strategic planning meeting).

Motion to go into an in-camera session at 1:25pm		Motion GRRB 17-06
Moved by: Jozef	Seconded by: Burt	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

Motion to come out of camera at 4:45pm		Motion GRRB 17-07
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan	
All in favour	Motion Approved	

### Actions arising from the in-camera session

Action Item: Board members to provide feedback on the 3 operating procedure policies circulated by the policy subcommittee

Action Item: Amy to update the 2017-18 operating budget to reflect the new employment contract for the E.D.

### Motions arising from the in-camera session

Motion	Moved by	Seconded by	Motion GRRB
Motion to approve the 2017-2018 operating budget and workplan, with the agreed adjustments	Jozef Carnogursky	Burt Hunt	17-08
Motion to approve the WSF allocations as described in the 2017-2018 allocation table template.	Burt Hunt	Doug Doan	17-09
Motion to replace Cindy Allen as the SARC alternate with Kaytlin Cooper, effective immediately	Jozef Carnogursky	Doug Doan	17-10
Motion to accept the performance appraisal for Amy Amos, which includes a performance award of \$3,000.	Burt Hunt	Jozef Carnogursky	17-11
Motion to adjourn the February 2017 GRRB meeting at 4:45pm			Motion GRRB 17-12
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by:		
All in favour	Motion Approved		





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### Summary of New Action Items

#.	Action Item	Page	Who
16-05	Update the action table to note that action item 16-05 is considered completed.	3	Amy
16-36	Follow-up on 16-36 -Amy to convey the board decision to support the current ENR Inuvik Region procedures for handling of wolf carcasses to Marsha at ENR.	3	Amy
16-40	Amy to correct action item 16-40 with correct year (2016) GRRB advice to SCOFO was completed.	3	Amy
17-01	To update the GRRB by its May or July teleconference on the outcome of the Rat River Working Group meeting and follow-up. (See page 9 in minutes)	9	Sarah/ Amy
17-02	To finalize and submit final GRRB comments, if any, on the ECCC Species at Risk policies.	12	Kaitlyn/ Eugene
17-03	To follow up with GTC regarding GRRB request for financial assistance with harvest study, as there has not been a response from them yet. (see page 14/15 discussions)	15	Amy/ Eugene
17-04	To find funding for consultation on defining commercial use	17	Amy
17-05	To contact GNWT Lands Department and ARI to inquire whether there is filming of landscape change being done currently by those organizations and to invite a report or presentation to the TRRC and to the GRRB.	27	Janet
17-06	To contact Steve Kokelj about the landscape change documented in his work. What areas and results? Share results with TRRC.	28	Janet
17-07	Regarding this new WSF proposed work by Emma in the Peel, to ask her if she could include video to help document landscape status and change.	28	Amy
17-08	To add this interest (landscape change/video of landscape to document current state) to the research interests list.	28	Janet
17-09	If in accomplishing action items 17-05 to-17-08 above, we find information has been compiled about landscape change to forward it to TRRC.	28	Janet
17-10	Include GRRB positions in next newsletter to encourage interest in nominations to board.	37	Amy
17-11	Get legal opinion regarding whether all persons working with minors (or just project supervisors) on GRRB and/or GRRB funded projects should have vulnerable persons check.	41	Amy
17-12	Board members to provide feedback on the 3 operating procedure policies circulated by the policy subcommittee.	44	Board
17-13	Update the 2017-18 operating budget to reflect the new employment contract for the E.D.	44	Amy



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## 23 SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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#	Motion	Mover	Second
17-01	Motion to approve the February 2017 Board meeting agenda	Jozef Carnogursky	Burt Hunt
17-02	Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5-6, 2016 GRRB Meeting and the November 1, 2016 GRRB teleconference	Doug Doan	Burt Hunt
17-03	Motion to support the ACCWM action plans and the colour zone and the herd status of each herd with the understanding that these action plans now use the Rivest method.	Ron Allen	Jozef Carnogursky
17-04	Motion to add Doug Doan to the GRRB Finance Committee	Jozef Carnogursky	Burt Hunt
17-05	Motion to approve the deferred revenue recommendations	Jozef Carnogursky	Doug Doan
17-06	Motion to go into an in-camera session at 1:25 pm	Jozef	Burt
17-07	Motion to come out of in-camera at 4:45 pm	Burt	Doug
17-08	Motion to approve the 2017-2018 operating budget and workplan, with the agreed adjustments	Jozef	Burt
17-09	Motion to approve the WSF allocations as described in the 2017-2018 allocation table template.	Burt	Doug
17-10	Motion to replace Cindy Allen as the SARC alternate with Kaytlin Cooper, effective immediately	Jozef	Doug
17-11	Motion to accept the performance appraisal for Amy Amos, which includes a performance award of \$3,000.	Burt	Jozef
17-12	Motion to adjourn the February 2017 GRRB meeting at 4:45pm	Jozef	



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### 24 MEETING PARTICIPANTS

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#### Attendees for full meeting:

GRRB Board Members: Eugene Pascal, Jozef Carnogursky, Burt Hunt, Doug Doan, Ron Allen, Tracy Davison

GRRB Staff: Amy Amos, Kristen Callaghan, Cheryl Greenland, Janet Boxwell, Kaytlin Cooper, Sarah Lord

#### Additional Participants:

##### Day 1 Morning

Allen Firth, NRRC  
George Nerysoo, NRRC  
Georgie Niditchie, GGRRC,  
John Norbert, GGRRC  
William Koe, TRRC  
Niccole Hammer, ARI  
Richard Wilson, TRRC  
Eugene Reese, ITI  
Winston Moses, public  
Stephen Charlie, GTC  
Johnathon Michel, ARI

##### Day 2 Morning

William Koe, TRRC  
Richard Wilson, TRRC  
John Norbert, GGRRC  
George Niditchie, GGRRC  
George Nerysoo, NRRC  
Allen Firth, NRRC  
Nicole Hammer, ARI  
Johnathon Michel, ARI  
Marsha Branigan, ENR

##### Day 1 Afternoon

Allen Firth, NRRC  
George Nerysoo, NRRC  
Georgie Niditchie, GGRRC,  
John Norbert, GGRRC  
William Koe, TRRC  
Niccole Hammer, ARI  
Abe Wilson, TRRC  
Allison Thompson, WMAC NWT  
Marsha Branigan, ENR  
Vincent Firth, public  
Esther Kay, public  
Alice Francis, public

##### Day 2 Afternoon

William Koe, TRRC  
Richard Wilson, TRRC  
John Norbert, GGRRC  
George Niditchie, GGRRC  
George Nerysoo, NRRC  
Allen Firth, NRRC  
Nicole Hammer, ARI  
Jonathon Michel, ARI  
Erica Hille, ARI