



Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)

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Monday, February 5, 2018		
Anglican Church Community Hall		
Time	Action	Who
3:00 PM	Pre-meeting session to discuss meeting procedures and expectations	Board members only

DAY 1 Tuesday, February 6, 2018			
Anglican Church Community Hall			
Item	Action	Led by	Expected outcomes
8:30 AM Arrival	Coffee and tea provided		
1. 9:00 AM Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order • Round table • Declaration of conflict of interest 	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Information

Call to Order: 9:10am (Eugene)
 Opening Prayer: Sarah Jerome
 Introductions (Eugene and the Board members)

Attendees (morning session):
 Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair
 Doug Doan, GRRB Member
 Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member
 Margaret Begg, GRRB Member
 Burt Hunt, GRRB Member
 Jozef Carnogursky, GRRB Member
 Kaylee Greenland, Youth Council
 Jarvis Mitchell, Youth Council
 Johnny Edwards, Nihtat RRC
 John Norbert, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC
 George Niditchie, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC
 Richard Wilson, Tetlit RRC
 Wilbert Firth, Tetlit RRC
 Fanny Greenland, Ehdiitat RRC
 James Edwards, Ehdiitat RRC
 Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director
 Edouard Belanger, GRRB Staff
 Janet Boxwell, GRRB Staff
 Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB Staff
 Cheryl Greenland, GRRB Staff
 Sarah Lord, GRRB Staff
 Tracy Davison, ENR
 Christine Cleghorn, Yukon Fish & Wildlife
 Neil Heron, Public
 Jared Gonet, University of Alberta



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Amy gives housekeeping info. Eugene gives special welcome to youth delegates from GTC, Jarvis and Kaylee. Declare conflict of interest as it arises.			
2. 9:15 AM Agenda	• Review and approval of agenda	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Motion
9:19am			
Motion to approve the February 2018 Board meeting agenda		Motion	
Moved by: Jozef	Seconded by: Burt	GRRB 18-08	
All in favour	Motion Carried		
3. 9:20 AM Minutes	• Review and approval of October 30, 2017 and January 10, 2018 teleconference minutes	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Motion
Motion to approve the October 30, 2017 teleconference minutes		Motion	
Moved by: Doug	Seconded by: Sarah	GRRB 18-09	
All in favour	Motion Carried		
Motion to approve the January 10, 2018 teleconference minutes		Motion	
Moved by: Burt	Seconded by: Doug	GRRB 18-10	
All in favour	Motion Carried		
4. 9:20 AM Actions	• Review of outstanding action items	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
<p>Progress update on outstanding action items from previous meetings. Highlights include Dall's sheep draft management plan – confirm RRCs comments. Kristen secured funding to have a meeting with communities to review the draft plan. A letter was sent out to partners but we only got one or two responses back. How does Board want to proceed without input from partners? Goal is to finalize the management plan. One part is for Board to hold teleconference to review the draft plan while another part is to get community input. We have significant community input already but want some in writing. Still need to get input from partners. We requested to defer those funds so we can do this. It's a challenge to work with so many different groups.</p> <p>16-01 Utility of official report since last 10-year report. We could hire someone to do this and have them look at progress reports from past Board meetings in combination with staff time to do this. In the first 5 years after the Board was established, we did a 5-year and then a 10-year report. In the 15- and 20- year marks people were asking if we would do them. We do the newsletter, calendar and have internal annual reporting so there are other ways the Board is communicating what they're doing, but it's been carried on as a discussion item. No requirement to Canada to submit a report at any stage for core funding. Our only requirement is an annual activity report.</p> <p>This action item has been removed and the Board has decided to communicate in other ways.</p> <p>2016-43 WMAC wrote a letter and wanted resident moose hunters to report their harvest (mandatory). Instead of making a decision right away, the Board wanted input from them. Consultation was done, an information package was developed, we sought comments for three months. We didn't get a lot of comments but everybody had the opportunity. Discussing where resident moose hunting can be done in the GSA: this still needs to be discussed.</p> <p>2016-44 Poster re: grizzly bear tag management system. It's pretty much all done, we're just waiting for current year tag numbers. We received those a week or two ago and Édouard is going to enter that into the poster and distribute it.</p>			



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2016-46 Grizzly bear working group: not done due to capacity, funding, priorities. Increased core funding helps cover consultations but there are many other wildlife files, including Dall's sheep, moose, Bathhurst and Bluenose West and others. We can do this if Board wants to prioritize it.

2016-50 Sharesync "how-to" guide is available online.
This action item has been removed.

2017 action items since the last Board meeting. These were completed over the past year:

2017-03 Follow up with GTC regarding GRRB request for financial assistance with harvest study. In the end we got three years of funding from ENR to help with this. They couldn't commit beyond that.

2017-04 Find funding for consultations on commercial use. This was discussed at the Regional RRC meeting. Amy will talk with the RRCs when she goes to the communities.

2017-11 Bluenose West: Gwich'in have been requesting more tags. In the past few years all 22 tags were given out. This year, even before Christmas all 22 had been given out (shared among the four communities). When WMAC requested an increase, ENR said not until we get another count. Plans for another count this year.

2017-13 DFO CPP: They wouldn't give us the plans for the season in advance. They said their staff would check in with us when they were in the community, but they did not check in. This was pointed out at the annual meeting with DFO in November.

ENR is looking at several different legislative reviews. Some include the Board (or should!) and some do not. We wrote a letter, as did Weekezi. We received a response and they said they're not going to change their approach; they'll seek input from the Board but not include us. We can discuss how we want to move forward on this. Weekezi ED is not happy with this. GRRB already has a Forest Management Working Group so we're ready to do this. GTC and their lawyer were all in support of having us at the table.

5. 10:00 AM Review reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for Q&A on written reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair report (presented) b. Member reports (presented) 	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Information
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See the meeting binder for individual reports.

Chair report – Eugene: It's been a pretty busy year with caribou. It could've been a lot busier for me so I want to thank the members who attended the meetings I couldn't. I've had discussions with RRCs and Inuvialuit in Aklavik on trying to bring back our traditional practices when harvesting. The whole idea is to teach our young harvesters and even our older harvesters, what those practices were and what they meant. We didn't have any quota system in the past, or laws stating you would be incarcerated if you broke the law, we had an understanding with each other. If the species was in trouble, we would help them by not harvesting those species. These were all done individually with the understanding that others would do it too. There were some positive responses – the HTC and the RRC would like to meet and go further into that discussion. We've got a very healthy population of Porcupine caribou, but they aren't here. Could it be some of our existing practices are hindering them? The whole idea is to get back the responsibility to the harvester, as a Gwich'in or Inuvialuit, to say yes, I have harvesting rights but it's my responsibility as an Aboriginal person or as an individual to say I'm going to do my part.



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RRCs want to have that discussion. At the Regional RRC they passed a motion to reinstate the no-hunting corridor north of the Dempster, so the caribou could at least pass the Dempster.

[Discussion about caribou hunting, tag system]

The schools are not doing a lot of on-the-land programs and they are doing caribou hunting. We need to focus on the up-and-coming young men who are hunting, encourage and advise them.

Question: Could we not say because of Bluenose and barren ground herds in Quebec on a decline, that we're going to start making these decisions? Then we know that people are not overharvesting. We don't just have Gwich'in or Inuvialuit, we have even people from Yellowknife coming up here to harvest caribou. So, we could look to the future and say we're going to start giving out tags.

Eugene: It's up to the Board. But the only time a tag system can be imposed is if there are troubles in the population. HTC and RRCs can encourage their members to follow these practices. Under the PCMA it states that if a person from a non-user community wants to hunt Porcupine they have to get permission from the community they're going to be hunting near.

Jozef: During November and October I attended the Board forum here in Inuvik. It was my first, it was interesting. I felt we were kind of off to the side and it was more regulatory stuff about land use permits. The forum was looking for ways in how we can be better involved in that.

Burt: The Finance committee met on October 30 and again prior to this meeting. The creation of the Finance committee has been an excellent addition because it allows us to do the work of finance analysis before the meetings and be prepared to report on it for the Board meeting so we don't need to talk about it for hours here. We requested that our money managers provide a clearer summary report and they did. Now we enjoy a whole bunch of reports from RBC, some of which are clear and concise and allow us to make recommendations. I missed the DFO meeting but I share the frustration with not having some commitments met. I'll take that up with the reps tomorrow. I used to be a DFO employee so it's of particular interest for me and I hope I will attend next year's meeting.

Doug: At the Board forum meeting, a film called 'The Last Ice Road' was presented, riveting film about the history of the ice road. Recommended (on YouTube).

10:30 AM Break	Snacks provided		
10:45 AM Review reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for Q&A on written reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Executive Director (presented) d. Staff reports (Q & A only) e. Other reports (Q & A only) f. Letters received (info only) 	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Information

Resume 10:38am

Eugene: Minister of Fisheries & Oceans announced this morning 'Government spending \$284 million to restore lost protections and implement new ones' [Eugene reads an excerpt from the CBC news article posted 20 minutes ago].

Amy: Presented the highlights of what's been happening in the office. No staff changes since the last meeting. Three staff are doing GIS training with funding from the Board and GNWT. Cheryl and I did Human Resources Training. Édouard did WSCC Supervisor Safety Training. The Finance Committee met twice and we are



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showing a surplus. The Board entered into a new 10-year funding agreement in July that started this fiscal year. We have to use the remaining surplus from our previous 10-year agreement and cannot carry that forward.

The Board held its Fall workshop and that was a really big success, with lots of feedback and a positive atmosphere. We have vacancies on the Board and all of the vacancies are “in progress” which means the nominating agencies have provided names. We won’t know until we get the notification that it has been confirmed. Board members, myself and staff had a lot of meeting travel this year.

Question: Do staff have GIS now?

Answer: Staff have GIS training and we purchased a computer that has GIS software. For more complicated questions we can ask an expert, Sue from GLUPB. She has a plotter and lots of map layers and other data for the GSA.

6. 11:15 AM Species at Risk	a) Introduction to Species at Risk (15 mins)	Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB	Information
	b) Federal Species at Risk: Boreal Caribou conservation agreement (30 mins)	TBA, ECCC	Information

11:03am Kaytlin Cooper

Kaytlin reviewed the federal and territorial processes for designating and managing Species at Risk and how her role at the GRRB fits in.

Attendees voiced concerns about various species. Kaytlin assured that at-risk and assessed species will have management plans written. Amy reminded that if someone is very concerned about a species, in NWT all that’s needed is to write a letter. She suggested that the GRRB could start making a list of community concerns and forward those to the secretariat.

Question: Besides the boreal caribou, are there any other species at risk?

Answer: Yes quite a lot. Many songbirds, some bees and a ladybug, wolverine, barren-ground caribou are being assessed. I can give you a full list of all the species for federal and territorial.

Question: The socioeconomic analysis part, how does that play into the process?

Answer: It can be taken into consideration at the Board level as well. Harvesting is a big one. Anything that might really limit development or traditional ways of life.

Kaytlin continued with a review of the territorial NWT Act and the GRRB’s role. She and Amy explained how the committee representatives are selected, as there was concern over how they were chosen.

[Discussion followed about Aboriginal input lacking before the land claim.]

A concern was voiced about lack of reporting back from the committee members.

Kaytlin: Everything that happens at the SARC is confidential; not allowed to tell anyone without permission from the Secretariat until the assessment is complete.

Amy: The Board decides who sits on that Committee. But once they are appointed, they are completely independent and don’t need to report back. We pick someone with strong traditional or biological knowledge,



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someone who knows the animals. That person gives input on the assessment reports and those reports come back to the Board. Then the Board has three seats at the CMA table and maybe that's where we should be focusing. Maybe I will put it on the radio, we'll make it an Action Item.

Comment: We need Gwich'in speakers to get on the radio and talk about these things; want to know the level of authority we have and how the information is going down to the community level.

Craig Machtans (Manager for CWS in Whitehorse, manages SAR programs in the three territories) spoke on boreal caribou and making sure it doesn't deteriorate under its conservation status. [see meeting binder for overview]

Craig: These agreements are a new tool for us. There are one or two in Canada and none for something as complex as caribou. The southern Mountain Caribou in B.C. has a draft agreement posted to our website, although the nature of the conservation problem there is different. An agreement was drawn up with the Province that includes a bunch of specific terms to recover the species and protect its habitat. It's a tool to inform Cabinet on what they would like to do to ensure the protection and recovery of a species.

With regard to boreal caribou, critical habitat is portions of the range that have less than 35% disturbance (both a combination of manmade features on the landscape plus a 500 m buffer, as well as percentage of young fires <40 years old). If there are a lot of fires or a lot of development, then you get to a state where it's unlikely that caribou can persist on that landscape. In the GSA, the current stats from NWT are that about 25% of the SA has younger fires in it, 8% human disturbance and combined it's about 31 – 32%. You're in the zone where we expect caribou to be self-sustaining based on the science that we have.

Some protections may not be enforceable or mandatory protection of the critical habitat. If critical habitat is legally protected it doesn't mean that there's places no development is allowed, it's that the entire landscape is managed by the authorities so that it doesn't exceed 35% disturbance.

Our federal Minister will be putting out a report to the public this April on the status of the protection of critical habitat of boreal caribou in Canada. That report will break it down by all the different ranges; NWT is NT-1. Knowing that 65% or more of boreal caribou critical habitat is not protected by legal tools in any part of Canada that I'm aware of, we've initiated s.11 conservation agreements with our partners to pin down what our partners can do to provide for recovery of species and bring a document to GiC saying what we can do. Then we'll see what GiC recommendation is.

We first approached territorial government knowing that there are many other management authorities on the landscape, including your Board. We're working with GNWT first to see what they can do.

One of the requirements we have for recovery of the species is range planning. NWT is going to break it up into various regions that will be completed by end of 2022. This was supposed to be completed by Fall 2017. Are there any concerns with that timeline, or interim measures the Board has thought about independently of what the territorial government is proposing?

Comment: There hasn't been actions on the boreal for the GRRB other than we are in the threshold for disturbance. The population in the GSA is pretty healthy I think. There hasn't been much effort by the Board other than to ensure that we are within the process, whatever's happening with NWT or federal. There isn't much harvesting. We have a healthy herd, but it's in Alaska. Harvesting is maybe stable. We haven't heard of any increase.



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Craig: The point of today was to introduce the concept of these sectional agreements with the Board and open the door for us working together on this as we go down the path. This is the beginning of the engagement process. We're working under tight timelines to get commitments from GNWT.

12:12 PM Lunch	Provided		
1:14 PM Species at Risk	c) Federal & Territorial Species at Risk: Barrenground Caribou listing (1 hr)	Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB	Motion

Attendees (afternoon session):

Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair
 Doug Doan, GRRB Member
 Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member
 Margaret Begg, GRRB Member
 Burt Hunt, GRRB Member
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 Tracy Davison, ENR
 Christine Cleghorn, Yukon Fish & Wildlife
 Neil Heron, Public
 Mike Suito, Yukon Fish & Wildlife
 Myra Robertson, Environment & Climate Change Canada

Kaytlin presented on the barren-ground caribou assessment [see meeting binder]. She reviewed the consultation timeline of her meetings with RRCs to discuss this listing and details of the recovery strategy. Main comments from public and RRCs were: overharvesting, poaching (even with a tag system), lack of compliance with regulations, opening up ANWR that would disrupt the calving grounds. Other concerns: climate change, increased access from the Inuvik-Tuk highway and interactions with other species (bison, wolves, muskox). Harvest reporting is not accurate - we need better reporting.

Three out of four RRCs support the federal and territorial listing as 'Threatened'. One RRC does not, feeling that the numbers are healthy within the GSA and with concerns re: interfering with harvesting. Kaytlin recommends that the Board supports these listings.



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Question: Under the federal listing, Porcupine are included. Automatically the prohibition is on in federal land. We have two parks within northern Yukon – would there be a prohibition there?

Answer: Yes, in the parks. It would mean no hunting in the Parks. Prohibitions within federal lands include all parties, but land claims trump the SARA. It's unlikely it would have an effect on Aboriginal harvesting in National Parks.

Question: You mentioned the numbers were high in the GSA, from the RRC. Was that Porcupine?

Answer: They didn't specify. The NWT listing would not include Porcupine. [check this is correct]

Motion to support the federal listing of Barren-ground caribou as 'Threatened'

Motion

Moved by: Margaret

Seconded by: Doug

GRRB 18-11

All in favour

Motion Carried

Motion to support the territorial designation as 'Threatened' for Barren-ground caribou

Motion

Moved by: Sarah

Seconded by: Jozef

GRRB 18-12

All in favour

Motion Carried

1:14 PM Species at Risk (cont'd)

d) Territorial Species at Risk: Grizzly bear listing (1 hr)

Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB

Motion

Kaytlin presented on the grizzly bear being assessed as 'Special Concern' in the NWT [see meeting binder].

Kaytlin: I went to all the communities in September. Main concerns: lots of bears at the dumps, bears are coming in to towns, grizzlies are doing okay in GSA, lots of bear sign in the country, population is stable or at least seems the same. Not enough baseline data on grizzly bears and population assessments are out of date. Four out of four RRCs do not support listing as 'Special Concern'. The report has black and white facts; SARC's role is to interpret the report.

I recommend the Board does not support the listing of grizzly bears as 'Special Concern'. If we go that way, the Board will need to include a rationale with the reasons made particularly clear.

Comment: I appreciate the position of the RRCs and that they're not seeing a problem, but I do wonder – the number of bears in that entire map area was 4-5000. It was acknowledged during the consultation that there was a dearth of information on the population. If we list as 'Special Concern', would that create additional funding to address the concern of poor baseline data? I have no concern in the GSA but if I look east I see more: mining developments, new and re-opening gold mines, additional diamond mines. Is there a larger picture here that we should be looking at, NWT-wide? Approving SC would perhaps help address some of the concerns at the community level. Can you speculate on whether that would help?

Kaytlin: If the species is listed, I think it would mean more money available for population studies, yes. As for looking territory-wide, I agree that's what we need to do. Yes, in certain areas there is more development and more proposed development – but according to the assessment report it's still very low.

Kaytlin: One last thing: the CMA works on a consensus basis. I don't think everyone is going to come back and say they're 'Not at Risk' [check: is that right?]. But, if everybody else says 'Special Concern' what does the Board want to do? Because if there's no consensus it will go to the Minister.



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[Discussion followed re: what other agencies are saying (not known at this time, but it would not change the Board's position)]

[Discussion about grizzly bear interactions and people's safety.]

Kaytlin: If grizzly bears are listed, a management plan would have to be written within two years. We already have a management plan for the GSA. It would need some editing to meet requirements of legislation, but our management plan could be adopted as part of NWT's management plan. We would go to the communities and consult with them. No restrictions on harvest.

Comment: Are some people are misunderstanding the recommendation? People might think we're voting on thinking we're saying 'no, there isn't a grizzly bear problem'. No. We're saying that the grizzly bear population is stable, so we don't need to put them on a list and say their population is at risk.

Kaytlin: Just because a species is not listed as 'At Risk', doesn't mean we can't still manage them. We can still write plans and take actions to help them. There will be ongoing management of grizzly bears and talks with ENR about problem bears.

There's a lot of time and money and effort that goes into this. I think it could be spent better on other species that warrant more work. You could say about every species that they need a management plan. And in an ideal world that would be great but resources don't let us so we have to pick and choose which ones need it most. It's a shame we can't get those extra resources but in the end that's not what the SARA is for.

Motion to not support the listing of Grizzly Bears as 'Special Concern'

Moved by: Jozef

Seconded by: Doug

Motion

All in favour – (Burt does not agree, but majority rules)

Motion Carried

GRRB 18-13

3:00 PM Break

Snacks provided

7. 3:15 PM Wildlife

b) Present harvest data results (15 mins)

Janet Boxwell, GRRB

Information

Janet Boxwell gave an update on the results of harvest study data collected June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 [see meeting binder for presentation].

\$8k left in this year's budget. Some ideas are go to the communities and have meetings that include people we aren't reaching here in this room. Some written products like posters or brochures, or leaflet mailboxes.

Comment: The few times people came to us in Inuvik, they had no background knowledge on what the survey was about. Need people who are knowledgeable about why we are doing the survey. It's important to get this over the radio in our language so people understand.

7. 3:15 PM Wildlife (cont'd)

a) Review & approval of *Migratory Bird Act* regulation amendment (30 mins)

Myra Robertson, EC

Motion

3:31pm

Myra Robertson, CWS in Yellowknife (ECCC) gave a presentation on 'Proposed deletion of General Hunting Licence reference in the *Migratory Birds Regulations*'. [see meeting binder for presentation].



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Example: An Indigenous Sahtu hunter has a GHL and wants to hunt ducks in spring in Gwich'in area. Current MBRs say that that hunter can hunt in GSA on *public* lands without Gwich'in permission. Proposed changes would mean that Gwich'in would need to give permission first before hunting in GSA and carry proof of permission.

Question: Are you saying that even on public lands they would need permission now? Because for moose they would need permission on the private lands but not on the public lands. [check this is correct]

Answer: Yes, we're separating ourselves from the *Wildlife Act*. If you're Gwich'in hunting on Gwich'in land, this doesn't affect any of those rights. That will be explicitly stated in the regulations. This is only for if you go outside of your traditional area.

Question: Is it correct that a non-Indigenous resident doesn't need to ask permission for public lands, but an Indigenous hunter does?

Answer: Example 2: a non-Indigenous hunter lives in the GSA and wants to hunt ducks in spring in Gwich'in area. Current MBRs: unclear, no reference to SHL or Parksville Protocol. Proposed change: now they would need to ask for Gwich'in permission. The hunter can still get a federal Migratory Bird Hunting Permit ("duck stamp") to hunt ducks in fall (without Gwich'in permission). If someone was married to a Gwich'in participant and wanted to go out with them in the spring, or an RCMP member was stationed in the community and wanted to go out and hunt, this provides for that. It's kind of like an SHL but we want to not go under GNWT because it adds another level of complication. In this example this applies to both public and private lands.

Question: What if a non-Indigenous teacher comes in and wants to teach an on-the-land program. Do they need a special permit?

Answer: Yes. If they're hunting geese, the RRC has to approve it. Right now, it's a gap – if it's a spring hunt, they can't legally do that. We're trying to give you the opportunity to do that.

Question: Can this non-Gwich'in get a job? As a patrolman?

Answer: With enforcement? Possibly. If you have folks who are interested in working for the government in wildlife enforcement, there's good training at Aurora College in Fort Smith. There's also a lot of interest in an Indigenous Guardian program right now. I don't know where it will go but potentially in the future there will be opportunities.

Amy clarified the text of the land claim and the GRRB's consultation policy and expressed concerns about amendments happening to other Acts without GRRB input. Board members indicated their strong agreement that this be adhered to, along with realistic timelines.

Action GRRB18-03: Amy Amos to follow up with Myra Robertson, CWS regarding GRRB consultation on deleting the General Hunting License reference from the Migratory Bird Regulations.

NO MOTION UNTIL RRCs ARE CONSULTED

7. 3:15 PM Wildlife (cont.)	d) Update on the status of Porcupine Caribou herd (15 mins)	Mike Sutor, YG	Information
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4:10pm Mike Sutor and Kristine (Director of Yukon Fish & Wildlife) provided an update on Porcupine caribou management [see meeting binder for presentation].



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Mike: Last year I proposed to this Board that we would do a rut survey in the fall. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it done due to weather. We're not sure where they're going to be during the rut and there's freezing rain...it was just impossible. It's an important survey but it's logistically challenging.

The Porcupine herd is probably one of the best-studied in the world. One example is a collar on the George River herd, that collects not only location but also takes a 10-second video clip every 20 minutes. Then you can find out if a calf survived.

Question: How much does a collar cost? What's the lifespan?

Answer: Cow caribou costs \$2k for the hardware. Bull is more like \$1k. Camera collar is \$5k. Life cycle is increasing all the time because batteries are getting better, but 4 years is what we plan on.

Question: When you collar a calf does that accommodate the growth?

Answer: We don't collar little calves, not until they're 10 months old. We have lots of information on how big they grow, how large their necks get, so they never impinge on their growth. For bulls we have magnetic strips that expand 3 – 4" when their necks swell during rut.

Question: What's the status of development in 10-02 lands? What's the proposed timeline?

Answer: Right now, it is in US law to allow for developments. No activities are occurring on the ground. The first lease sale is in four years. The second is in seven years. We could see seismic exploration activity within one or two years.

Question: Have you noticed any patterns with the seasonal movements with climate change – earlier spring, later fall?

Answer: I'd say no, yet. We have all this great data, we need to pool it so we can analyze it to look for patterns like that.

Question: What's the confidence level around that 218 number?

Answer: 202,000 – 234,000 – so we're 95% confident that the number falls within those two numbers and our best guess is 218k.

Question: What are some of your explanations for why they're not coming into the Richardson area like they used to where they wintered?

Answer: Wintering grounds change a lot, which is important for their long-term strategies. We haven't seen them in the Peel in large numbers in decades. We lost a lot of good winter range this year along the highway along the Horseshoe. I do think there is something to Let the Leaders Pass. People talk about it with the western Arctic herd out in Alaska. They don't run away from the highway, but they get a kilometre away and then they stop and change direction. I don't have good data to test that but it certainly matches.

Question: Our elders said if the muskox move into the feeding area of the caribou then the caribou won't come back into that area.

Answer: That question is of interest in Aklavik. We developed a research plan to look at muskox-caribou interaction more thoroughly. We did our last survey of muskox and there were about 300 muskoxen along the North Slope, so they're already overlapping throughout multiple seasons in those habitats. They were here up until the 1860s and then reintroduced in the 1960s so I can't say there isn't an impact, but to say specifically what it is, that's complicated.



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They were reintroduced to Kaktovik. They were extirpated from that area in the 1860s-70s and then about 30 were brought back. It reached about 700 in the 1990s and since then that number has dropped. Including the US side, it's about 550.

7. 3:15 PM Wildlife (cont.)	e) GRRB recommendations for PCMB annual harvest meeting (15 mins)	Janet Boxwell, GRRB	Direction
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4:45pm

Janet: Next week is PCMB meeting. The estimate is 218k. I need more information on male:female estimate, but my recommendation is for the Board to recommend to PCMB to maintain the Green Zone designation, promote traditional management practices and continue to promote harvester and community education.

Motion to support the GRRB's recommendations for the PCMB annual harvest meeting.		Motion GRRB 18-14
Moved by: Eugene	Seconded by: Sarah	
All in favour	Motion Carried	

7. 3:15 PM Wildlife (cont.)	c) Discuss harvest reporting (15 mins)	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Direction
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4:48pm (after Janet)

Eugene led a discussion on harvest reporting. How can we stimulate and enhance harvest reporting and data collection? The method is top notch but grabbing the interest and encouraging somehow is the issue. The RRCs can do that in line with CHAP funding and GHAP funding, but that's the RRC level. Janet explained earlier that they pay a certain amount to the interviewer and the interviewee gets a chance to win a prize.

Comment: Perhaps we should task the staff to develop a Q&A that's for them, an introductory statement about why that's so important. They can give a statement at the outset about how important the information is, how it's used, clarifying that it remains anonymous.

Janet: We have a Q&A sheet I go over with the interviewers, but I like your idea of a script. Because when people are on the spot it's hard. It's obvious that what we're talking about in the office is not getting out there. Maybe we should give out a brochure summarizing the last couple years of data, saying 'we look forward to your continued participation'.

[Suggestions about rewarding or recognizing people for participation – stickers, button/lapel pin, awards banquet]



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DAY 2 Wednesday, February 7, 2018 Anglican Church Community Hall			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Led by</i>	<i>Expected outcomes</i>
8:30 AM Arrival	Coffee and tea provided		
<p>Meeting called to order at 9:05am</p> <p>Attendees (morning session):</p> <p>Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair Doug Doan, GRRB Member Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member Margaret Begg, GRRB Member Burt Hunt, GRRB Member Jozef Carnogursky, GRRB Member Kaylee Greenland, Youth Council Jarvis Mitchell, Youth Council Johnny Edwards, Nihtat RRC John Norbert, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC George Niditchie, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC Richard Wilson, Tetlit RRC Wilbert Firth, Tetlit RRC Fanny Greenland, Ehdiiat RRC James Edwards, Ehdiiat RRC Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director Edouard Belanger, GRRB Staff Janet Boxwell, GRRB Staff Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB Staff Cheryl Greenland, GRRB Staff Sarah Lord, GRRB Staff Tracy Davison, ENR Christine Cleghorn, Yukon Fish & Wildlife Neil Heron, Public Mike Suitor, Yukon Fish & Wildlife Court Berryman, DFO Kate Snow, DFO Ellen Lea, DFO Tracey Proverbs, University of Victoria Emma Hodgson, Simon Fraser University Jared Gonet, University of Alberta Tommy Wright, Elder (stayed 5 min)</p>			



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8. 9:00 AM Fisheries	b) Char Update & draft recommendations for Rat River Working Group (30 mins)	Sarah Lord, GRRB	Direction
<p>Sarah presented at 9:10am (Red was late on the call) [see meeting binder for presentation].</p> <p>The presentation was given to the Board to ensure that the Board knows what will be recommended to the RRWG. Historically, the group has always used a cautionary approach.</p> <p>Burt: Stay close to the 600 fish proposed and already in place. Jozef is also more comfortable with this conservative allocation.</p> <p>Question: Where do fish come from caught at Shingle point? Answer: Sarah described route of Rat River fish – travel farther than other stocks, may be why so sensitive.</p> <p>[Discussion about historical closures and harvest allocations.]</p>			
8. 9:00 AM Fisheries (cont'd)	a) Update on Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) (15 mins)	Red Clark (phone)	Direction
<p>10:15am Red Clarke on the phone</p> <p>Red provided a brief update on the IFMP – [see meeting binder for written update]</p> <p>In May 2017, Dolly Varden was listed as a Species of Concern. The revised IFMP will be incorporated into or adopted by the federal SARA Management plan for Dolly Varden of Western Arctic. Subject to additional comments received or other revisions.</p> <p>DFO requested final draft by March 31, 2018.</p>			
8. 9:00 AM Fisheries (cont.)	c) Commercial Fishing Activity in the GSA (15 mins)	Sarah Lord, GRRB	Motion
<p>[see meeting binder for presentation]</p> <p>Sarah clarified that the area around Tsiigehtchic is Zone 5. There is also a Special Harvest Zone around Tsiigehtchic that excludes commercial activity. DFO is addressing concerns about mesh size, other regulations. Conditions would need to be clarified to individual harvesters.</p> <p>[Discussion on impacts of commercial fish plant in Tsiigehtchic.]</p> <p>[Discussion about population data for other species besides char.] No concerns expressed by RRCs.</p> <p>[Discussion about other commercial fishing in NWT.] Gwich'in claim different from IFA. May be the first co-management board to go through this process</p> <p>Question: How many licences have been issued? Is there an upward trend?</p>			



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Answer: Low numbers, species listed. Area 4 – most licences issued, Area 6 is a Management Area not a commercial area – probably 30 licences annually in all areas. Don't come close to issuing full quota.

No motion put forward

Motion

Moved by:

Seconded by:

All in favour

Motion Carried

8. 9:00 AM Fisheries (cont.)

d) Update & Discussion on the *Fisheries Act* amendment process (30 mins)

Larry Dow, Court Berryman, DFO

Information

10:22am Court Berryman, DFO

Earlier this week, the Government of Canada tabled new legislation to restore lost protections and install modern safeguards. In 2015, current government committed to reviewing 2012 changes. Did multiple rounds of public consultation. Court reviewed the comments from GRRB on the *Fisheries Act* changes, including respecting modern land claims, local capacity for enforcement and management, re-investment in science and relationships with communities.

Court: Yesterday, amended legislation was tabled. Today I can give you insights into the proposed changes. Now protects all fish and fish habitat. HADD restored to ensure greater transparency, prohibition against causing death of fish other than by fishing and requiring online registry for development projects. New text on purpose of *Act* to clarify Minister's objective to manage fisheries. Reconciliation with Indigenous people is highlighted and when TK is provided, it must be considered in decision-making. Will be able to enter into agreements with Indigenous governing bodies as well as provinces and territories. Protecting biodiversity: protecting 10% of coastal areas by 2020, including by creating Marine Refuges. Currently those are set up by licence conditions and variation orders to prevent fishing in a specific area. Now, new regulations will allow specific focus on protecting biodiversity.

Addressing urgent threats: new tools to put in place targeted short-term restrictions to protect sensitive areas or species, e.g. restrictions when vulnerable populations of marine mammals are moving through an area. Stock rebuilding measures must be in place when fisheries decisions might affect a stock. Currently no conditions to restore degraded habitat during development reviews, now will include habitat restoration as a condition. Restoration plans will go on a public registry for ecologically sensitive areas.

Enforcement: clarify and modernize enforcement powers to address emerging issues and align with other legislation, so that *Act* offences can be addressed outside the court process, to reduce cost and repeat offences.

DFO appreciates GRRB's advice and most, if not all of the points raised by the Board are addressed in this review of changes. Next steps: DFO will meet with GRRB to discuss proposed amendments in more detail – conference call today and technical meeting next week. Myself or my team will be back up in the next couple of weeks to engage on these matters. Policies will need to be developed to implement these changes and you will be included in this process. I came with high-level information and can't show you specific sections, but it's in Parliamentary Process now to change any text. [Court described the process in detail]

Comment: Please tell your bosses that we at GRRB are interested in new costs:

1) Our capacity to meet the new requirements the *Act* will provide (engagement), that will require time and money and DFO will need to support that



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- 2) Project reviews used to require extensive reviews and engagement but after 2012 if there wasn't a 'fishery' those provisions didn't apply and now that's restored. Now we will need capacity to do participate in those
- 3) Are there going to be project funds we could tap to improve habitat, e.g. we've had rock slides on rivers.

Court will take GRRB questions back to Ottawa and ask how they plan to implement these changes.

Question re: changes in proponents self-assessing.

Answer: There will still be a set of low-risk projects that can operate on standardized guidelines. There will also be a list of projects that will require Minister's authorization.

Question: Are there any changes in the objective of this legislation?

Court: The new Act has a purpose statement to say what it is intended for. The old Act did not. Now it says, "The Minister will be utilizing this Act for the purpose of managing fisheries." People questioned if it was more for managing fish populations, or more about environmental protection.

Break 10:55am

Resume 11:17am

8. 9:00 AM Fisheries (cont.)	e) Update on annual meeting with DFO in Winnipeg, November 2017 (15 mins)	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
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[see meeting binder for written summary]

Meeting notes will be distributed to the Board when they are finalized.

10:45 AM Break	Snacks Provided		
9. 11:00 AM GRRB Priorities	Approval of GRRB 5-year Research and Management Priorities (30 mins)	Jared Gonet, U of Alberta	Discussion then Motion

Jared gave a presentation on the research priority-setting process and how to trim down the list of 82 research interests [see meeting binder for presentation].

Comment: Concerns were expressed that muskox aren't higher on the list.

Amy: These are the major topics you want action planning and research directed towards. You would support other topics too, but these will get top priority in terms of staff time and resources. Muskox might need to be added to the list because Aklavik is interested in outfitting and that would require a population assessment.

Eugene: Part of it was rolled in under caribou, it was the caribou-muskox interaction that is unknown and people are concerned. Let's include them as an extra bullet point at the bottom of the list.

Comment: Incorporate Harvest Study as part of the 'using community-based monitoring' and 'incorporating traditional values' In the past cycle, the harvest study was its own separate interest but it's not on this list.

Comment: If we have been incorporating traditional values and knowledge, we need to really include the elders at the community level that live off the land.



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Motion to approve the GRRB 5-year research and management priorities, with the addition of Muskox		Motion	
Moved by: Jozef		Seconded by: Burt	
All in favour		Motion Carried	
		GRRB 18-15	
10. 11:30 AM WSF Proposals	Each presenter will be given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present past results, if any (5 mins) • Present current proposal (10 mins) • Q/A from Board (15 mins) 	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
	a) Proposal #1: Arctic Borderlands community monitoring (30 mins)	Heather Ashthorn, ABEKS	
Heather gave her presentation over the phone. Her application is the same as it has been the last few years. [see meeting binder for presentation and application]			
Break for lunch, 12:00pm			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:		Seconded by:	
12:00 PM Lunch	Provided		
Resume 1:08pm Attendees (afternoon session): Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair Doug Doan, GRRB Member Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member Margaret Begg, GRRB Member Burt Hunt, GRRB Member Jozef Carnogursky, GRRB Member Kaylee Greenland, Youth Council Jarvis Mitchell, Youth Council Johnny Edwards, Nihtat RRC John Norbert, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC George Niditchie, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC Richard Wilson, Tetlit RRC Wilbert Firth, Tetlit RRC Fanny Greenland, Ehdiitat RRC James Edwards, Ehdiitat RRC Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director Edouard Belanger, GRRB Staff Janet Boxwell, GRRB Staff Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB Staff Cheryl Greenland, GRRB Staff Sarah Lord, GRRB Staff Tracy Davison, ENR Christine Cleghorn, Yukon Fish & Wildlife Mike Sutor, Yukon Fish & Wildlife Tracey Proverbs, University of Victoria Emma Hodgson, Simon Fraser University Jared Gonet, University of Alberta			



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10. 1:00 PM WSF Proposals (continued)	b) Proposal #2: Caribou monitoring (30 mins)	Tracy Davison, ENR	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Tracy Davison presented a WSF application for monitoring and post-calving photo survey of the Tuk Pen, Cape Bathurst and Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East barren-ground caribou herds, as per management plans. [see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p> <p>Showed animation of herd movements through the year, based on 2009-2013 data from collared animals. Population trends are mostly downwards. For 2018, proposal is to update the population estimate under the 'Taking Care of Caribou' plan. Presented a budget for the project, for which GRRB is requested to contribute \$20,000 out of \$366,000 total.</p> <p>Question: How much do Gwich'in people use the Tuk Pen and Bathurst herds? Answer: There are closed zones for harvesting along the west side of Husky Lakes and then IDC-06 is a tag-required zone. The current allocation to the Gwich'in in that zone is 22 and all of those have been given out this year. I don't think they've ever all been used, but now that access is improving they're going to get used more.</p> <p>Questions about reindeer mixing with caribou Answer: Reindeer have run away from the herd and mixed with caribou herds, yes – people do see them mixed in. We're not sure how many have mixed in. People in Tuk say they see reindeer and also hybrid caribou-reindeer. We don't have a good handle on how many are in there. If they're in a post-calving group, they're counted. Once they are mixed in, they stay mixed. We haven't seen them mixed with the Porcupine along the coast, maybe because the Mackenzie River is a big barrier.</p>			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:		
10. 1:00 PM WSF Proposals (cont.)	c) Proposal #3: Muskrat monitoring (30 mins)	Jeremy Brammer, ECCC	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Jeremy talked about his Mackenzie Delta muskrat research project by phone, as he is currently in Old Crow doing muskrat work there. He is now with ECCC with direction to continue doing community-based monitoring of muskrat. His project is based in the observations of trappers that there are much fewer muskrat in the Delta than there used to be.</p> <p>[see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p>			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:		



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10. 1:00 PM WSF Proposals (cont.)	d) Proposal #4: Dall's sheep monitoring (25 mins)	Édouard Bélanger, GRRB	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Ed talked about his proposal for monitoring northern Richardson Dall's sheep using remote cameras and visual surveys and holding annual community meetings in Aklavik with hunters. [see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p> <p>Question: Are there more sheep being harvested now that we're not getting the caribou? Answer: The harvest reporting is a way we can look at it. My impression is that there are only a few hunters in Aklavik that hunt Dall's sheep, so not many are harvested, but I don't have exact numbers. I need to ask the community. I asked Fort McPherson and they said they harvest Dall's sheep only in the Yukon, not in the Richardson Mountains.</p> <p>Question: Are we worried about the population going extinct? Answer: We were worried a few years ago but it seems to have bounced back up. There was a voluntary closure that has now been lifted.</p>			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:		
2:25 PM Break	• Snacks Provided		
10. 2:40 PM WSF Proposals (continued)	e) Proposal #5: Arctic Salmon monitoring (30 mins)	Karen Dunmall, DFO	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Resumed at 2:25pm</p> <p>Karen Dunmall addressed four different questions in her Arctic salmon monitoring presentation: What are we monitoring? Why? What does it mean? Where to go from here? [see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p> <p>No questions.</p>			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:		
10. 2:40 PM WSF Proposals (continued)	f) Proposal #6 (Youth): Whitefish Camp (30 mins)	Emma Hodgson, SFU	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Emma Hodgson talked about her harvester-based data collection of broad whitefish in the Peel River. [see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p> <p>Her plan for 2018 is to hire a youth as a full-time research assistant for two weeks straight in McPherson and Tsiigehtchic and also a younger youth to come out to fish camps and learn how to take measurements. They</p>			



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are asking for salary for two full weeks and for four days at fish camps and then the per diems for the youths for food while they are at the camps.

Question: You want to find out where they are spawning and their migratory routes?

Answer: Yes. We will know what path they take from their ear bones. We would like to figure out exactly where they spawn if we can, but that will take some mapping of water chemistry which will take a few years.

Question: We have had people catching fish that are deformed from mining. Have you noticed any contamination? Are you keeping it in mind?

Answer: We have samples from 8 Mile Camp for two weeks. We are asking people to write down for each fish they measure if they see parasites or any other odd things about the fish. We also have photos.

Question: Back in the 1960s, we had oil companies up in the Peel at Caribou River. They were bringing exploring for oil and gas and bringing all of that material down to the river bank and now it's eroding. They were attempting to remove all that garbage but they didn't complete that project. Elders that travelled up there said it was now affecting the beaver along the river. It must be affecting our wildlife. Keep that in mind as you are working on this.

Answer: I didn't know that specifically but one of the reasons we are doing this is to be ready for development if it comes. We have only sampled as far as Mary Effie's camp, but in the future we hope to go further.

Brief break.

Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)
Moved by:	Seconded by:	

Resumed: 3:17pm

10. 2:40 PM WSF Proposals (continued)	g) Proposal #7 (Youth): Traditional management media project (15 mins)	Kristi Benson, GTC	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
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Kristi Benson gave her proposal over the phone on 'Everything old is new again: Gwich'in Traditional Practices Educational Materials Project' [see meeting binder for presentation and application]

Kristi: This project came about because Amy approached me about whether Department of Culture & Heritage (formerly GSCI) would be interested in doing a communications project about traditional practices. I work as a contractor for DoC&H. One idea is to give a youth some training in journalistic or ethnological methods and document Elder's knowledge. There's a component of youth training and in spreading traditional management practices. We could produce social media projects: podcasts, videos and photos, maybe a GRRB YouTube channel. TK is the basis for traditional management and GRRB has a strong interest in documenting and spreading this information. This matches the DoCH's goals. Storytelling really melds well with knowledge-sharing in social media. It's engaging for young people to use social media and they already get information from it, so bringing those two together is good.

Comment: The youth today should get involved in everything. There are very few elders still alive and the ones that are, we have to make use of them and teach the young the old traditional ways, train them.



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Moved by:	Seconded by:		
10. 2:40 PM WSF Proposals (continued)	h) Proposal #8 (Youth) GRRB youth program (15 mins)	Janet Boxwell, GRRB	Discussion then Motion (in-camera later)
<p>Janet Boxwell presented her funding proposal for youth engagement in internal projects. [see meeting binder for presentation and application]</p> <p>This aligns with GRRB strategic plan goals to strengthen Gwich'in participation and use of traditional and scientific knowledge on matters that affect wildlife, fish, forest, habitat and environment. We have education and outreach, youth work experience on staff projects and a full-time summer student and technician trainee. Staff go to career fairs, Science Rendez-vous, Nature Day and other programs at all of the schools in the GSA. We also have short-term, 1 – 5 day work experience opportunities with staff. Youth have done small projects like mammal surveys and hare pellet counting. We had Jordan Norman-Goose as our Technician Trainee and Joelle Charlie as our Summer Student. Janet then presented a financial statement for 2017-18. The 2018-19 request is for deferred amounts to cover public education and outreach and additional funding to top up the work experience and summer staff budgets. The total ask is \$6,350.</p> <p>Comment: I like to see the youth get into everything, especially those in school. In every community we should talk to the young girls and boys who are graduating and get them interested.</p> <p>Brief break before Open Discussion</p>			
Motion to		Motion (in-camera later)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:		
Resume: 3:48pm			
11. 4:15 PM RRC & Public Session	• Open discussion between the RRCs, the public and Board members	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
<p>Amy gave a brief overview of the mandate of the Board and the role of the RRCs [see meeting binder for presentation].</p> <p>Comment re: seeing fewer animals. Maybe because of harvesting – we have to teach the young ones.</p> <p>Comment re: changes - getting warmer, some animals getting bigger, don't come like they used to.</p> <p>Comment: Concerns about Non-Participants harvesting, trapping, using drones Amy: GRRB has a seat on the <i>Wildlife Act</i> working group and we will reiterate that issue with drones when we go back. With non-participants hunting, the <i>Wildlife Act</i> does currently have provisions that make it enforceable and ENR could enforce it now. If there are people hunting that you know of who don't have an</p>			



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SHL, tell ENR. Trapping too, Gwich'in have the exclusive right and ENR can enforce it unless they have special permission from the RRC.

Eugene: Aklavik is going to talk with HTC to make sure that the overlap agreement is understood re: exclusivity of harvesting (other than Porcupine).

Joze: Re: the drones, we raised it at the *Wildlife Act* working group. There was resistance from other groups. We could use helicopters to go hunt sheep with no downtime. We raised the possibility of downtime in the *Act* and there was resistance. They will be coming out to talk about those things this year. Input from the communities would be helpful for us as a Board to help deliver the message.

Eugene: The right to harvesting is a GTC issue because only GTC has the right to impose that. GSCI can do work about developing videos and such about traditional practices so those can be used as educational material for ensuring we are doing things properly.

Comment: James Creek – DFO was here and there was an oil spill and no charges laid. Now they're amending it in Parliament so maybe they can do something. The DoT wanted to move their camp and had a whole bunch of meetings with the community and they said they got direction to move it a hundred meters down, but they never did that consultation right. It's right on the caribou migration route. If they're going to build it again, we want them to build it on this side of the mountain where you can see it and remediate that site.

Amy: With respect to James Creek and no charges being laid, the GRRB meets with DFO and senior reps and we will talk to them about it and also to their CP&P when they come up. We know that the caribou migrate through that area and we didn't have enough information to make a decision about whether that specific location was okay.

Comment: We need to work on the Native User Agreement. Even though we're in the green zone, it's better to err on the side of caution. Get an agreement in place so all the communities and Tribal Council are ready. Climate change, there's lots of slumping and some big ones in the mountains and you can see it at Midway going down into Stony. We need to know what's the chemical composition of the soil that's going in there because it's going into the water and might be affecting our fish. We've still got our otter problem – they're cleaning out our lakes.

Amy: GRRB provided historic information to help inform that. And other issues have been noted, about slumping and fish, we are trying to get outside researchers to address those.

Comment: In the Yukon, I think they have to look up the downtime you have to have before you can go after moose.

Comment: We used to see wolves now and then in the Delta, just the odd ones. Now they're in big packs. I don't like to use the word bounty, but it's a problem. There was a reward for carcasses. It's been brought up before but I don't know if it's happening right now.

Response: Right now, you get payments for the samples if you kill a wolf, in total \$200. The skull is \$100 and a bunch of other samples, you can get the kits from ENR office. There's a prime fur bonus that is significant too. If you bring in the prime fur and the samples you can get quite a bit of money for the wolf now. There's no limit.

Comment: When Mike was talking about the caribou turning around at the highway. When caribou wants to go, they go. You see on the map they're all over the place. Then they go back to their calving grounds in the spring when it's break-up time and they go across the ice still even when it's moving, nothing will stop them. I question why they're turning around on the highway. It seems like all the blame is on the hunters, everyone rushing up there?



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Question: Even with Jeremy on the muskrat, otters are eating a lot of fish. Even caribou are in there! Have you noticed about beavers? More or less?

Answer: Too many of them.

Eugene: ENR has been going out to the communities doing a beaver trapping workshop.

Question: When will that TK project start up? That's a great opportunity with youth to connect with elders and TK holders. Young people are not getting any younger, nor are TK holders, so that's a priority.

Eugene: We could get video showing the interaction of elders and youth and youth producing these documents and videos, about trapping and hunting. It should be good. That could be the beginning of a good project.

Amy: Tomorrow afternoon, the Board will make decisions about those proposals.

Janet: It will include some existing information too, perhaps filming at fish camps that other researchers that are out there. What do we have, what do we need? Budget in terms of hiring youth lead that would be summer students, but youth advisors to assist on what is needed and what format we will be looking for other youth as well. I don't have a date yet.

Jarvis: Our next meeting is at Midway (February 23-26) and we're going to have elders come and teach us basic skills about life, about hunting. We're trying to get more elders involved. February 23-26.

5:30 PM Dinner	Public meet & greet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the GRRB members & staff - Learn more about the GRRB
<i>Please note: Scholarship applications will be discussed in-camera</i>	

DAY 3 Thursday, February 8, 2018

Anglican Church Community Hall

Item	Action	Led by	Expected outcomes
8:30 AM Arrival	Coffee and tea provided		
<p>Meeting called to order: 9:05am</p> <p>Attendees (morning session):</p> <p>Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair Doug Doan, GRRB Member Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member Margaret Begg, GRRB Member Burt Hunt, GRRB Member Jozef Carnogursky, GRRB Member Johnny Edwards, Nihtat RRC John Norbert, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC George Niditchie, Gwichya Gwich'in RRC Richard Wilson, Tetlit RRC Fanny Greenland, Ehdiitat RRC James Edwards, Ehdiitat RRC Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director</p>			



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 Janet Boxwell, GRRB Staff
 Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB Staff
 Cheryl Greenland, GRRB Staff
 Sarah Lord, GRRB Staff
 Tracy Davison, ENR
 Neil Heron, Public
 Jared Gonet, University of Alberta

12:9:00 AM Finance Committee	a) Finance Committee Report and Recommendations	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
9:00 AM Finance Committee	b) Discussion & Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of auditor • WSF Withdrawal Amount • Deferred revenue • Use of surplus 	Eugene Pascal, GRRB	Motion Motion Motion Motion

Amy gave the Finance committee report and recommendations [see meeting binder].

WSF requests from yesterday total about \$104k. Banker recommends up to \$84k, but we don't have to use it all. Any money we don't want to allocate will continue to grow and provide future revenue for the fund.

Motion to appoint Paul Teo as auditor for the 2018-19 fiscal year		Motion
Moved by: Jozef	Seconded by: Burt	GRRB 18-16
All in favour	Motion carried	

Motion to withdraw \$84,000 from the RBC Wildlife Studies Fund for the projects reviewed during the February 2018 Board meeting		Motion
Moved by: Jozef	Seconded by: Doug	GRRB 18-17
All in favour	Motion carried	

Amy: Some projects we anticipate we will not spend the full amount before the end of the fiscal year. These are internally funded, so the Board has the option to defer it, or to return the funds to the WSF. They are:
 1) Communications (we got outside sources to help cover costs for newsletter, calendar and other material)
 2) Consultations (we got funding in the new Core for consultations, but to track this we've created an internal project called 'Consultations'. We used this for the preparation of criteria for the community workshops this fall.)

3) Dall's sheep monitoring (Kristen held this. Plan is to bring communities together and we have had difficulty scheduling this, as there are many other wildlife files. If the Board wants to put anything back into WSF I suggest this one, because we can use the new Core funding for management planning. When this was requested, we didn't have that option. It depends on Board's priorities.)

Question: This was to finalize the Dall's sheep plan? But we approved the management action table?
 Answer: Yes. This funding was to have one or two Board teleconferences to discuss the plan and to book a venue and catering, but not travel costs for other parties to attend. Perhaps we are not getting responses because the travel costs are on the other parties.



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[Discussion about whether this could be completed next year.]

We are going to have another teleconference before April. If there are questions about this item, we could do an 'up to'. We can do the ones you are confident about and prepare for year-end. There's a desire to do it, but concern about whether we can because we require cooperation from higher parties to accomplish this. If we can bring them together, we can do it.

4) Species at Risk (Not asking this to be deferred anymore. Instead we're going to spend it on Kaytlin's salary, because Aboriginal Affairs is saying any money from two years ago has to be spent this year. Because we're moving her salary into this project, there will be more of a surplus in General Operating and she can access that for these consultations out of that fund instead.)

5) Harvest study (Don't anticipate touching much of this for three years because we have \$25k from ENR for this year, next year and the year after. Likely to be supportive of this in the future. It's nice to have this as a backup but Janet hasn't had to touch this at all and ENR's contribution agreement is pretty flexible. After three years, if ENR doesn't continue then you'll get a proposal from us again.)

6) Youth program (this is for when staff go into the schools to do Nature Day and other activities. It doesn't cost a lot, but we don't have other funds set aside for this.)

7) YWEP (For when we have youth at meetings like this and for work experience. Janet's WSF request yesterday has a budget built on assuming you will defer these funds.)

[Discussion on approval process being project-by-project or a total amount.] Amy would prefer less concentration on the number and more on the project.

Question: We can do the Dall's sheep and Harvest study with other people's money, potentially. Right? If the revenue is just \$4k a year then next year's withdrawal can be a bit more.

Answer: Yes. If you don't want to defer this, there are two options. One is put it back in the fund. And the other is keep the money because we'll ask for it again next year and then next year's withdrawal will be less.

Comment: Allocate according to the need and to the list. You have the discretion to allocate as needed, as opposed to line-by-line; we could give you licence to go up to that total amount. That seems like the simplest option, to move it all into next year.

Board to think about the Dall's sheep and harvest study ones a bit more, either in camera today or in a call before the end of the fiscal year to give direction.

Request for surplus use. We want to request \$15k to buy promotional items. The budget I'm showing you [see meeting binder] is only \$10k but we're thinking about having some banners and displays that would be easy to put up when we go to schools or meetings. And I think we might need a new projector! This includes things like jackets, backpacks, flash drives, pens, mugs, hats, toques, hockey pucks, things to try and capture the different age groups we're working with. The Finance committee went over this and was supportive.

Motion to approve the use of the surplus plan for up to \$15,000

Motion

Moved by: Jozef

Seconded by: Burt

All in favour

Motion carried

GRRB 18-18

13.9:15 AM Budget & Work plan

a) Review & approval of 2018-19 budget and work plan

Amy Amos, GRRB

Motion

[see meeting binder for budget and work plan]



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Amy: At the Fall workshop, the Board worked on a strategic plan. Last time the plan had so much detail we tried to keep it at a higher level this time and keep the details in the annual plan. I report on the annual plan twice a year. A lot of the work items in this template were already here but moved among categories. [see document for details]

Total funding is \$1.036 million. Every year there's an incremental increase, which covers our staff salary steps, CPP & EI & WCB, our benefits package which depends on salary, budget for the fall meeting and winter meeting – although Eugene's term ends in November so we don't know where the next chair will reside, but I budgeted for McPherson just in case because it's the most expensive. I moved the Board members from a half-day to full-day for phone teleconferences. I updated the phone costs and added the cell phone, updated Xerox costs and put any remaining surplus after all that under professional development and staff travel.

Total increase was \$190k per year. With that the first thing was the position that moved over. The other thing is we now have community consultations and management planning and implementation funds right in our core budget. If the Board decided not to defer some of those projects, we would still have the money from our core budget.

Question: What's the amount you get every year? Or, you get increments?

Answer: It's called "IDIPI" [check] and it's supposed to cover cost of living increases, ~2% per year. Staff get moved to a new step once a year, on April 1.

Motion to approve the budget and work plan for 2018-19		Motion GRRB 18-19
Moved by: Jozef	Seconded by: Margaret	
All in favour	Motion carried	

14. 10:15 AM Safety Policy	a) Review any amendments to Safety Policy	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
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10:00am

Amy provided some background and an update on the Safety Policy the Board approved in 2016 [see meeting binder for written summary].

Comment: When we work out on the land with the school, we have to get permission the parents to make sure they are insured. And for medical conditions.

Amy: We sought legal advice for liabilities around youth. We may still have to do more conversations with that lawyer but we have asked questions in the past about vulnerable sector checks. We do have permission forms and have had that reviewed in the past.

Action: Amy to make sure youth liabilities are captured in the forms they sign.

One major thing that changed internally was this YWEP program design. We made recommendations to the Board. We used to have Youth apply to that program and we would align them with that external researcher. And we never had any issues, nobody ever got hurt. But the potential was there – we're the employer and yet we're putting them out with someone else? We no longer do that. Any youth that go out with our staff have to do an orientation day with training on bear safety, including videos and a poster and testing bear bangers and so on.



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10:15 AM Safety Policy (cont.)	b) Update on any safety incidents	Amy Amos, GRRB	Information
No incidents this past reporting period. This item will always be on the agenda.			
10:30 AM Break	Snacks provided		
Resume: 10:31am			
15. 10:45 AM Operating Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approval of policy amendments 	Policy Subcommittee, GRRB	Discussion / Motion
<p>Amy provided background on the Board's Policy Subcommittee and their review of and changes to the Board section of the Operating Procedures Manual (OPM). The Board decided to review the amendments at this time. Amy and Doug presented the changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put reference to the entire section in the Claim, rather than just a reference to a single line. This is to provide more context. On 1.5 Board and Ministerial Decision Making, no need to change any words from what the claim says. <p>[Discussion re: drafting legislations and if the Board needs to do that.]</p>			
Motion to approve edits, with agreed changes, to Section 1 of the GRRB Operating Procedures Manual		Motion	
Moved by: Jozef	Moved by: Burt	GRRB 18-20	
All in favour	Motion carried		
<p>Section 2 Board membership and responsibilities. [some discussion around changes to 2.4.1 'Chairperson' part (h)] The usual practice is decision items that haven't been discussed or viewed by the Board yet, I would ask for feedback from the Board usually through email. Comment: It's good how it's written, because it keeps that responsibility with the Chair. The Chair can choose to say, okay send that email. You wouldn't want somebody to go and be able to take off with that – it should be the responsibility of the Chair.</p> <p>2.4.2 Members and alternates [reviews new section outlining the responsibilities of members and alternates re: staying informed on issues, preparing for meetings, contributing to discussions and voting on motions.</p> <p>[Discussion on wording around communicating absences.] - some text deleted under 2.4.2 (c) [Discussion on providing feedback on the Chair.] - consensus is to delete (f)</p> <p>[Describes the role of alternates] The concern here is going over-budget trying to fulfill item (c) of having alternates attend at least one Board meeting annually.</p> <p>[Lengthy discussion on Members and Alternates, government-nominated vs. Gwich'in-nominated and who is picked to attend meetings, especially when there are lots of vacancies.] The original policy assumed that the</p>			



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Board would have a full slate at any time and that's not the case. Don't want to make Board members feel like one person or the other is being 'chosen' for meetings, it's about availability. 'Alternates play a critical role in ensuring the continuity and capacity of the Board'. 'Agency-named alternates will be asked to sit in for their associated member that is absent.' That solves the budget problem because the Board would never be paying for more than 6 people to come.

Question: Remove the clause about Alternates attending at least one Board meeting per year?

Answer: It's good to have them come, even just for phone meetings, so they can experience how the Board operates. That's the practice this Board has done – even though the full member is here we bring the new Alternate so they can learn. However, we can still do that but remove it in the policy.

[delete item (c) and also the clause in (d) the words “, or filling a vacant seat,”]

(a) we can do through Sharesync, but (b) if everyone shows up to meetings we could go over budget.
[Discussion on challenges of determining who is coming to meetings.]

In the drafting of the email, send it to everyone and say 'regular Board members, can you please indicate your availability for these dates'. This puts the onus on the regular Board members to reply and say whether they are available or not. And everyone will get the same information. Then the alternate would have to heed that provision earlier that says the alternate only operates if the full member is unavailable.

2.4.3 Absenteeism. Changes in wording to make it match with previous section.

[Discussion about performance standards for Board Members] Committee had a long discussion about this and didn't all see eye to eye. If it becomes Policy, then you are forced to do something about it. This one says you are going to have to establish performance standards with this 'three consecutive meetings' clause. We need to make sure people understand this.

Question: Can the Board remove a member that was appointed by some other agency?

Answer: If there's an issue, the Board has to go to Executive Council. There are 'special circumstances' - if they were ill and now they're better, they get a 'get out of jail free' card. It's not up to us to remove the Board member, it's the Governor General in Council.

Performance standards are found throughout the Claim and the policy, so maybe we should just remove the whole thing?

[Everyone agrees. Remove the entire clause (d).]

2.4.4 Continuity

[All agreed. Delete entire section]

2.5 Preparation [review of new wording]. Several sections following have been removed. Other sections have wording updates to match to the Claim. 2.5.2 GRRB Funds: clause (b) is quite legal-ese.

[All members reviewed. Clause 2.5.2 deleted]

[Discussion about Chair nomination in this section.]

Question: Is it self-explanatory now that the roles of the Members and Alternates have been defined?

Answer: If you didn't have a Chair, everyone at the table would be able to nominate someone as a Chair in that meeting. The alternate is only called on if their same-agency member is unable to attend. Even if they are alternates, at the table they are members.



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<p>Motion to approve edits, with agreed changes, to Section 2 of the GRRB Operating Procedures Manual</p>		<p>Motion</p>	
<p>Moved by: Doug</p>	<p>Moved by: Jozef</p>	<p>GRRB 18-21</p>	
<p>All in favour</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>		
<p>Lunch Break 12:02pm</p> <p>Resume 1:10pm on Section 3</p> <p>Do we want to change 3.1.3 'Location' to "within the GSA" rather than Inuvik? [all: yes]</p> <p>Committees – a lot of these changes are to 'may' rather than 'shall'. Under 'Public Hearings' the changes are to reference the claim. [Discussion about 3.6.2 'Public File'] - does it have to be paper? Can it be digital? Could be either, so change 'file' to 'record.'</p> <p>3.7 onwards – Wildlife Studies Fund projects. Investment Interest – note to add investment policy here in an appendix. Or go to 3.7.13?</p> <p>[change to "and revenue collected can be added to the Fund. The revenue collected on the Fund must also ..."]</p> <p>3.8 'Harvest Study' – reports will go to the ED, not the Chair.</p>			
<p>Motion to approve edits, with agreed changes, to Section 3 of the GRRB Operating Procedures Manual</p>		<p>Motion</p>	
<p>Moved by: Margaret</p>	<p>Moved by: Doug</p>	<p>GRRB 18-22</p>	
<p>All in favour</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>		
<p>12:00 PM Lunch</p>	<p>Provided</p>		
<p>Attendees (afternoon session):</p> <p>Eugene Pascal, GRRB Chair Doug Doan, GRRB Member Sarah Jerome, GRRB Member Margaret Begg, GRRB Member Burt Hunt, GRRB Member Jozef Carnogursky, GRRB Member James Edwards, Ehdiitat RRC Amy Amos, GRRB Executive Director Edouard Belanger, GRRB Staff Janet Boxwell, GRRB Staff Kaytlin Cooper, GRRB Staff Cheryl Greenland, GRRB Staff Sarah Lord, GRRB Staff</p>			



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16. 1:00 PM In-Camera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board & Staff session GRRB members to discuss any in-camera items, if needed 	Board & staff only GRRB members only	Motion
Motion to go in camera at the February 2018 Board meeting at 1:26pm		Motion	
Moved by: Jozef	Moved by: Burt	GRRB 18-23	
All in favour	Motion carried		
17. 4:00 PM Chair nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on next steps for the GRRB Chair nomination, if ready can make a motion to nominate an individual 	GRRB Members	Decision or Motion
18. 4:30 PM Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set fall meeting date Motion to adjourn 	Eugene Pascal, Chair	Decision Motion
Motion to come out of camera at the February 2018 Board meeting at 4:37pm		Motion	
Moved by: Doug	Seconded by: Sarah	GRRB 18-24	
All in favour	Motion carried		
<p>Actions:</p> <p>GRRB 18-05 The Board will form a Chair selection subcommittee. This committee will develop criteria. Amy will provide assistance.</p> <p>GRRB 18-06 Amy will write a letter to Chair candidates inviting them to an interview asking them to come prepared to answer questions relating to the criteria. The letter should also note that a criminal records check is a requirement for appointments. The letter should also request they come with contact info for at least two references, one of which is from a community organization.</p> <p>GRRB 18-07 Amy will coordinate travel and logistics for the interview.</p> <p>GRRB 18-08 The Board will conduct the interview.</p> <p>Decision: Fall 2018 meeting date is Sept 25-26/18 in Fort McPherson.</p>			
Motion to approve the Wildlife Studies Fund allocations as described in the "GRRB approved" column of the 2018-2019 allocation table, as presented, for a total of \$94,000		Motion	
Moved by:	Seconded by:	GRRB 18-25	
All in favour	Motion carried		
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:42pm		Motion	
Moved by: Margaret	Moved by: Sarah	GRRB 18-26	
All in favour	All in favour		



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These minutes were approved at the September 2018 GRRB meeting (motion #GRRB18-48).