



Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES March 12, 2018 1:15 PM MST (NT)

Attendance

- GRRB Board: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Burt Hunt, Charlie Snowshoe, Margaret Begg, Ron Allen, Tracy Davison, Sam Bullock
- GRRB staff: Amy Amos

1) Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Eugene welcomed new board members, Sam Bullock and Charlie Snowshoe. Both new members have completed their oaths. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

2) Agenda

Motion # GRRB 2018-27	To approve the March 12, 2018 teleconference agenda
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Margaret Begg
All in favour.	Motion carried.

3) Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft notes from the February 2018 face-to-face meeting for formatting and presentation preferences.

Decision: Create two versions of minutes; (1) detailed version from what was typed during the meeting. This version will be used for internal purposes and does not require formal approval. It can include editorial errors. (2) summarized version that focuses on capturing the discussion, action items and decisions, but is not verbatim. This version will be what is formally approved and made publicly available.

4) In-camera

The Board went in-camera and invited Executive Director, Amy Amos, to be present.

Motion # GRRB 2018-28	To go in-camera at 1:31 PM
Moved by: Ron Allen	Seconded by: Burt Hunt
All in favour.	Motion carried.

Motion # GRRB 2018-29	To come out of in-camera at 1:51 PM
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Margaret Begg
All in favour.	Motion carried.

5) GRRB Chair Nomination

Eugene Pascal summarized the process for nominating a Chair. The Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA), chapter 12, section 12.8.3(b) provides the GRRB Board with the responsibility to nominate their Chairperson. The nomination goes to the Government of Northwest Territories (Executive Council) and the Federal Government (Governor in Council), who jointly appoint. As Eugene's term is ending in November 2018, the GRRB Board advertised for interest in the GRRB Chair position. The expression for interest was posted for three weeks. The Board struck a Sub-Committee consisting of four members and the current GRRB Chair. The Sub-Committee developed screening material, interview questions and held interviews with candidates. Each Sub-Committee member scored each candidate separately. There was consensus reached by all members on the most successful candidate. The GRRB Board will keep their decision confidential until the process is completed with a joint appointment decision made by the two Governments.

Motion # GRRB 2018-30	To nominate Jozef Carnogursky as Chairperson to the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Ron Allen
All in favour.	Motion carried.

Eugene thanked the Sub-Committee and thanked Amy for helping to organize and coordinate the interviews. The recommendation is good. There will be consistency and knowledge transfer.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to talk with the successful candidate to confirm their acceptance of the nomination
- Amy Amos to draft a nomination letter to the appropriate governments to begin the appointment process

<Charlie Snowshoe left the call at 1:55 PM>

6) Dolly Varden Char

a) Rat River Working Group

Amy Amos gave an update on the 2018 Rat River Working Group (RRWG) annual harvest meeting. All groups were represented at the meeting in Inuvik on March 6, 2018. The RRWG recommended a 2018 allocation of 600 fish. This includes 225 to the Char Monitors (75 each) and 375 to the User Groups (125 each). The RRWG also supported the following two research programs proposed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada; (1) fall seine program at the Fish Hole for up to 500 tags and 20 dead sampled fish and (2) environmental DNA sampling. In 2017 fishing season there was some overharvest but it was still within the safe harvest range.

Decision: The GRRB supports the RRWG recommendations but urges the RRWG to be stringent on the communication plan to prevent overharvest.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos or Sarah Lord to communicate the Boards support to the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan Steering Committee.

b) Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP)

Amy Amos gave an update on the IFMP review. Red Clark has been hired through the Fisheries Joint Management Committee to work with the management groups to review and update the IFMP. Red did the original plan in 2010. GRRB’s consultation policy does not mention any consultation steps for management plan reviews that were already consulted on during their development.

Decision: Keep the RRCs informed but no formal consultation is required unless there are significant substance changes or the RRCs request further engagement.

Action(s):

- Sarah Lord to keep the RRCs informed of the IFMP review process

7) Administrative

a) Promotional Items: Edouard Belanger has volunteered to lead the purchasing of promotional items. The GRRB approved a \$15,000 budget at their February 2018 meeting. Edouard will need the Board members jacket sizes. He will make the order soon. Items will be given out to members at the September 2018 Board Meeting.

b) Office Renovations: The Board supported using some of their surplus funding towards office renovations at their February 2018 meeting. New carpet and blinds will be replaced in the GRRB’s office space over the coming months.

c) Upcoming Meetings: Amy Amos provided a table with upcoming meetings in the meeting binder. Sam Bullock expressed interest in the Board Orientation and Administrative Law training. Ron Allen expressed interest in the Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) meeting, if he can clear a schedule conflict.

Action(s):

- Board members to provide Edouard Belanger with their jacket sizes
- Ron Allen to confirm his availability for the CMA meeting with Amy Amos

8) Other Business

No other business

9) Adjourn

Motion # GRRB 2018-31	To adjourn the March 12, 2018 GRRB teleconference at 2:16 PM
Moved by: Margaret Begg	Sam Bullock
All in favour.	Motion carried.

These minutes were approved at the September 2018 GRRB meeting (motion #GRRB18-49).