



## Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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### GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

June 7, 2018 9:00 AM MST (NT) / 8:00 AM PST (YT)

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#### Attendance

- GRRB office: Amy Amos (Staff), Sarah Lord (Staff)
- On call: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Jozef Carnogursky (Member), Sam Bullock (Member), Doug Doan (Member), Charlie Snowshoe (Alternate Member), Burt Hunt (Member)

#### 1. Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

#### 2. Agenda

<b>Motion # GRRB 2018-32</b>	<b>To approve the June 7, 2018 teleconference agenda</b>
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.	Motion carried.

#### 3. Minutes

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

**Action(s):** Add Burt Hunt to the February meeting minutes as an attendee. Correct the spelling of Charlie Snowshoe's name.

#### 4. Wildlife

##### a. *Wildlife Act* – administrative changes

Amy reviewed administrative changes under the NWT *Wildlife Act*.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2018-33</b>	<b>To support administrative changes under the NWT <i>Wildlife Act</i></b>
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

##### b. *Wildlife Act* – amendment process update

Amy provided an update on the *Wildlife Act* amendment process. No comments.

##### c. ACCWM – WMAC letter

Amy summarized the letter and comments by Édouard Bélanger (GRRB Wildlife Biologist).

<b>Motion # GRRB 2018-34</b>	<b>To support the WMAC letter</b>
Moved by: Doug Doan	Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.	Motion carried.

## 5. Fisheries & Forestry

### a. *Forest Management & Protection Act* – update and support for next steps

Sarah Lord provided an update on the *Forest Management & Protection Act* (FMPA). GNWT is updating five pieces of legislation. GRRB is interested in the FMPA. There has been a lack of “meaningful” involvement in the form of a Technical Working Group. Sarah sees no major issues to date. One gap is that there is no Management Board participation. Acknowledge **rates (?)**

GNWT asked the GRRB for their priorities. Sarah is working on that and will attend the next stakeholder advisory meeting. GRRB will continue to push for a Technical Working Group.

Amy talked about efforts to work with GTC. Promising, but no action yet.

**Action(s):** Amy to follow up with Stephen C.

#### **Discussion:**

Board members are worried about setting a precedent for being left out of or optional in the process. The GRRB should be involved at the forefront, not after. This ties into the consultation process, our obligation with meeting our consultation requirements with RRCs.

Concerns should be documented and sent to the Minister (a letter was already sent to the DM and ADM in October 2015). The October 2015 letter reminded them that we need to be involved. The Board would be interested to hear from the Sahtu and support the WRRB letter.

*Kaytlin Cooper (GRRB Staff) joined the meeting.*  
*Michael Svoboda (ECCC) joined the call.*

**Action(s):** Write a letter to the Minister with the points raised in this discussion. Include sections of the Claim, consultation obligations, quote past letters/commitments. Affirm that the GRRB is not just another stakeholder. Copy WRRB, SRRB, GTC.

**Action(s):** In the interim, Amy should keep up efforts with the GTC.

### b. **Decision on next steps for permitting current commercial fishing activity**

Sarah Lord provided an update. There are two main questions:

- 1) Should commercialization of fishing be permitted in the GSA (low scale)?
- 2) Should any terms and conditions be applied?

#### **Discussion:**

The Board does not want anything to hinder current fishers. Discussion followed about selling to non-aboriginals and about transboundary issues. The Inuvialuit should be consulted. More information is required on commercial fishery guidelines. There were concerns about the data used to set quotas being too old (1970s). DFO needs updated baseline information and current harvest information so it can be better understood if there are pressures somewhere.

**Motion # GRRB 2018-35**

**To permit current commercial fishing activity in the GSA, unless fishing exceeds the quota established by DFO 2017 standards, subject to annual harvest reporting from DFO. Any future changes to the quota to be reviewed by the GRRB in accordance with requirements under the GCLCA.**

Moved by: Burt Hunt

Jozef Carnogursky abstained.

Seconded by: Doug Doan

Motion carried.

**Action(s):** Amy to write a letter to DFO with regard to the above motion. Include concerns with data.

**6. *Species at Risk Act***

**a. Approval of Transverse lady beetle listing (federal – Special Concern)**

Kaytlin presented on the proposed listing. An RRC meeting was held.

**Motion # GRRB 2018-36**

**To support listing the Transverse lady beetle as a species of Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.**

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky

All in favour.

Seconded by: Doug Doan

Motion carried.

**b. Approval of Harris' sparrow listing (federal – Special Concern)**

Kaytlin presented on the proposed listing, starting on slide 7 of the PowerPoint in the meeting binder (slides 1-6 same as for a. above).

**Motion # GRRB 2018-37**

**To support listing the Harris' sparrow as a species of Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.**

Moved by: Burt Hunt

All in favour.

Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe

Motion carried.

**c. SARC assessment recommendations**

Kaytlin reviewed the recommendations. The schedule is the same as last year. GRRB supported last year. Kaytlin suggests adding these recommendations to the Research Interests list.

**Decision:** recommendations to be added to the Research Interests list. Already have last year's motion and continue to support it (no new motion required).

**d. Boreal caribou Section 11 agreement**

*Rachel Mayberry (ECCC) joined the call.*

Michael Svoboda (ECCC) presented on critical habitat, NWT in general (PowerPoint in meeting binder). Boreal caribou are listed as Threatened.

Michael then presented "Development of an order to protect Boreal caribou critical habitat on federally-administered lands" (in binder). He asked for feedback by July 18<sup>th</sup>. No questions or comments.

Michael Svoboda left the call.  
Kaytlin Cooper left the meeting.

**7. Administrative**

**a. Update from Finance Committee**

Amy Amos gave the update. There were no comments.

**b. Upcoming Meeting update**

Sept 12 – CMA call

Sept 25-26 – GRRB face-to-face in Fort McPherson

Between Oct 24-Nov 7 (dates TBA) – *Wildlife Act* Section 15 and *Wildlife Act* Working Group, Yellowknife

Nov 28-29 – annual DFO meeting, Winnipeg

Feb 2019 (date TBA) – GRRB face-to-face in Inuvik, must be before CMA

Feb 19-21, 2019 – CMA meeting

**Action(s):** Members to tell Amy if they are interested in attending any of these meetings.

**c. Board training fund request**

**Action(s):** Board to discuss reviewing Training Fund use (consider guidelines)

**d. ENR written update to GRRB (provided for information)**

**8. Other Business - none**

**9. Adjournment**

<b>Motion # GRRB 2018-38</b> Moved by: Charlie Snowshoe All in favour.	<b>To adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM</b> Seconded by: Motion carried.
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These minutes were approved at the September 2018 GRRB meeting (motion #GRRB18-50).