



## Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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### GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES May 24, 2019 1:00 PM MST (NT) / 12:00 PM PST (YT)

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#### Attendance

- Doug Doan (Member), Sam Bullock (Member), Charlie Snowshoe (Alternate Member), Jozef Carnogursky (Board Chair), Rob Gau (ENR), Robert Yonge (DFO), Amy Amos (Staff), Édouard Bélanger (Staff), Cheryl Greenland (Staff), Kaytlin Cooper (Staff), Sarah Lord (Staff)

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#### 1. Call to order

Jozef Carnogursky called the meeting to order at 1:20PM. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

#### 2. Agenda

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-20</b>	<b>To approve the May 24, 2019 teleconference agenda</b>
Moved by: Doug Doan	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
All in favour.	Motion carried.

#### 3. Minutes

Discussion of February 2019 face-to-face meeting minutes around replacement of Board members. Approval of minutes deferred to the next face-to-face meeting.

#### Action(s):

Consider recently expired board members if opportunities arise for consultant-type work.

*Rob Gau joined the call at 1:30PM.*

*Cheryl Greenland left the meeting.*

#### 4. Wildlife

##### a. Phase II *Wildlife Act* regs

Rob went through his PowerPoint presentation (see meeting binder).

Drones removed from package. WRRB, WMAC NWT already approved

#### Discussion:

Re: deer harvesting, consultation in GSA, this is outside the scope of Phase II. The idea is to allow harvesting in NWT. We are ready to take the next step. It was talked about at some open houses. Aboriginal infringement risk is low. Worry deer bringing disease. No specific meetings. Done by letter.

Re: bats (slide 8), if other bats can come in, does that pose a threat to our own native bats? Bats need to be tested.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-21</b>	<b>To approve Phase II of the <i>Wildlife Act</i> regulations, as presented.</b>
Moved by: Sam Bullock	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
All in favour.	Motion carried.

*Rob Gau left the call.*

**b. Deer harvesting regulations**

Édouard reviewed a letter from ENR to GRRB dated March 1, 2019. He flagged:

- 1) Mule or white deer are not currently in the GSA (but could be in the future)
- 2) Reviewed consultation document and cannot find any consultation on this topic from the GSA communities

The reason ENR is encouraging harvesting of these animals is due to chronic wasting disease, which is lethal, and it can transfer to moose and caribou. ENR wants to open up hunting, but there are no deer in the GSA. GRRB has no concerns with the proposed regulations.

**c. Moose locations**

Édouard went over briefing note. Cannot find rationale for current moose locations in the regulations which limit where resident (non-indigenous) hunters can harvest. This would not include Gwich'in private lands. Please note the briefing note says east of east channel but should say west of east channel.

**Discussion:**

Need to consider public interest. Especially since we cannot determine where the rationale for the current moose hunting locations for resident hunters came from.

**Action(s):**

Édouard to engage the RRC's to seek their input then bring it back to the GRRB.

**d. GRRB camera data**

Édouard went over briefing note. Board supports not sharing camera data especially of big game that might be attractive for trophy hunting.

**e. PCMB outcomes**

Amy presented. Green zone. No comments, no concerns.

*Édouard left the meeting.*

**f. Update on defining commercial use**

Amy presented the briefing note. No comments.

*Sarah Lord entered the meeting.*

## 5. Fisheries & Forestry

### a. RRWG recommendations

Sarah Lord presented a summary of the Rat River Working Group annual harvest meeting and Voluntary Safe Harvest Recommendation for 2019.

#### **Discussion:**

The IFMP says harvest is sustainable at 5% of the population. The GRRB supported “up to” 5% at their February face-to-face meeting. The Rat River Working Group has recommended a harvest number that is lower than 5% at their annual harvest meeting in March. It is a voluntary recommendation.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-22</b>	<b>To support the Rat River Working Group Voluntary Safe Harvest Recommendation for 2019.</b>
Moved by: Doug Doan All in favour.	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe Motion carried.

### b. IFMP Steering Committee membership

Sam is interested in this membership. Support from Board.

### c. IFMP revisions

Sarah went over the briefing note (see meeting binder). These revisions need support from the Board.

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

Defer topic to July Board teleconference so members have time to look at it more thoroughly.

*Robert Yonge entered the call.*

### d. DFO Arctic Region update (call-in at 2:45PM)

Robert Yonge went over the PowerPoint presentation (see meeting binder).

#### **Discussion:**

Amy will meet with Robert on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. DFO can do better at addressing research priorities. Encourage RRC engagement.

*Robert Yonge left the call.*

*Kaytlin Cooper entered the meeting.*

*Sarah Lord left the meeting.*

## 6. Species at Risk

### a. Boreal caribou framework for range plans

Kaytlin went over the briefing note (see meeting binder). No motion is required to approve the framework. Board motion for strategy – as long as this falls within the strategy, no need for additional motion. Keep the Board informed.

**b. NWT assessment schedule**

Kaytlin went over the briefing note (see meeting binder).  
No comments.

**c. SARC appointments**

Kaytlin went over the briefing note (see meeting binder).

**Action(s):**

Defer this topic to the September face-to-face meeting, decide on next steps.

**d. Stewardship program**

Support consider assessment species, not just link Recovery Strategy/Management Plan. This would allow options for upcoming species.

*Kaytlin Cooper left the meeting.*

**7. Finance**

**a. Finance Committee update & advice (verbal)**

Amy Amos gave an update. The next meeting is May 27. There are no issues to flag.

**8. Administrative**

**a. Operating Procedures Manual – policy updates**

Amy presented proposed changes to the OPM and the Safety Policy.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-23</b>	<b>To approve amendments to the GRRB Operating Procedures Manual, as presented.</b>
Moved by: Sam Bullock	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
All in favour.	Motion carried.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-24</b>	<b>To approve amendments to the GRRB Safety Policy, as presented.</b>
Moved by: Doug Doan	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
All in favour.	Motion carried.

**b. Other upcoming meetings**

Amy presented the upcoming meeting schedule (see meeting binder). No comments.

**9. Other Business**

Jozef thanked Doug for his time serving on the GRRB Board.

**10. Adjournment**

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-25</b>	<b>To adjourn the May 2019 teleconference meeting at 3:31 PM</b>
Moved by: Charlie Snowshoe	
All in favour.	Motion carried.