

YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
February 18 to 20, 2020
MINUTES
High Country Inn

DAY 1: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Ron Chambers, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie (PM), Dennis Dickson, Sebastian Jones, Dawn Kisoun, Ken Taylor, Randy Taylor

REGRETS: Franklin Patterson, Carl Sidney, Blanche Warrington

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Colleen Henry (Minute Taker Via Recording)

IN ATTENDANCE: Karlie Knight (C/TFN), Ryan Henning (Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife, Environment)

OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dawn Kisoun said the opening prayer.

ADMIN AND FINANCES (TAB 01)

A. AGENDA REVIEW— J. Burdek

John Burdek reviewed the agenda.

Motion – 2020-01: That the Board accept the February 18 to 20, 2020 agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ron Chambers

Seconded by: Ken Taylor

Passed by: Consensus

B. EXECUTIVE REPORT (TAB 02) — J. Burdek, K. Taylor, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the Executive Report provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- John Burdek and Graham Van Tighem provided an overview of the CYFN Leadership meeting and Fortymile caribou regulation change discussion. Further discussions were moved to members time.
- Members discussed Moose Regulation Change Meeting and communications from the Yukon Fish and Game Association. Additional discussions will take place during members time.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND DRAFT BUDGET (TAB 03) — D. Sheldon

Diane Sheldon reviewed the financial report to the end of January 31, 2020. Diane provided an overview of the surplus funds and budget.

Motion – 2020-02: That the Board accept the financial report to January 31, 2020 as presented.

Moved by: Ken Taylor

Seconded by: Sebastian Jones

Passed by: Consensus

ACTION ITEM REVIEW (TAB 04) — G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed one previous action item and follow-up items.

Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board Status of Action Items 2019-2020	
Action Item 2019-01: The Board will review the operating procedures. The operating procedures will be discussed at the next Board meeting.	Completed. This action item to be further discussed on Day 3.

These follow-up items were discussed:

- Fortymile follow-up letter — This is in the board kits.
- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers — Graham sent correspondence, but there was no response.
- Fish and Game Association — Graham and John did follow-up and will follow-up again regarding website information.
- Moose Harvest Management Guideline review — This is ongoing and continuous. There was a delay due to the regulation change.
- February Forum Review workshops — This will not happen in this fiscal year.
- Meetings with Associations — Ongoing.
- Wild Boar — Completed. The letter has gone to Minister Pillai and Minister Frost.
- Board website — \$10,000 has been budgeted for the 2020/21 fiscal year.

- YSSC budget letter — The Board will discuss and pass a motion.
 - Wild Sheep Foundation and possibility of an award for Mary Vanderkop — Graham provided an update.
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CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW (TAB 05) – G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed correspondence provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- John Burdek and Graham Van Tighem provided an overview of members' participation in meetings such as the PCMB, 40 Mile Caribou, and Bison technical team.
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DECEMBER MINUTES (TAB 06) – D. Sheldon

The following edit was identified:

- Page 7, first bullet, change “Scroggy” to “Scroggie”.
- Page 21, under Members Time and Wrap Up, Carcross/Tagish Development Corporation has the opportunity to **secure a 20-year-old milt**. Not “purchase DFO hatcheries”.
- Board discussions in camera are recorded but not publicized.

Motion – 2020-03: That the Board accept the December 11 to 13, 2019 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Ken Taylor

Seconded by: Randy Taylor

Passed by: Consensus

INTRODUCTION RYAN HENNING (ACTING DIRECTOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE) — R. Henning

Ryan Henning introduced himself and provided a brief background. He also provided an update on staff changes and temporary assignments.

40-mile hunt update

Ryan Henning provided an update including the following:

- This is the first year Yukon has participated in the hunt since 1995.
- Yukon government's agreement with Alaska and harvest allocation of 400 in Yukon.
- To date, six or seven animals have been harvested by licensed permit holders.
- Alaska's interested in a winter hunt in Alaska. Alaska is looking for live harvest reporting to harvest remainder of 400 animals. Yukon is not interested and has asked for a call among parties to discuss how to move forward. Yukon will look to harvest 225 animals.
- American/Canadian outfitting regime and opportunity for Canadians to hunt.
- The harvest coalition may meet by conference call, but it hasn't been set yet.

Comments/Discussion:

- John Burdek provided an update. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has reluctantly agreed to give a portion of their harvest share away this year. There is no way to harvest numbers that are allocated. The Board made a recommendation for a winter hunt. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in is not happy with the recommendation.

Elk/Agriculture Conflict Working Group

Ryan Henning provided an update of the following:

- Conflicts remain with landowners. They still don't think actions by the department to mitigate conflicts are working and they are proposing more changes.
- Robert Perry (Species Manager for EY) will be co-chairing.
- Options to be considered including additional fencing, increasing the conflict hunt, lure cropping. There are no firm decisions yet.

Once the working group reaches consensus on how to move forward it will provide recommendations to the Board.

Comments/Discussion:

- In the past, one of the biggest concerns was bison on the road. Once the corridor hunt was opened along the highway; the bison mostly stay away. Some people want to see elk, but not generally people who drive back and forth.
- There are 220 animals, which means there is a much lower ability to harvest to provide the negative behavioural change needed to keep them off the highway.
- When the issue came forward as a concern, Environment come forward to deal with it through harvest, fencing, hazing, CO services setting up silhouettes and other things. The working group identified major problems.
- Some farmers refuse to build fences as they ruin the view.
- In most cases, the elk where there before the farmers.
- Most farmers are not farming food for people, hay only.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (TAB 02) – S. Hossack

Steve Hossack presented the Winter Bear Safety Video and provided an overview of the production, collaboration and feedback. Members provided feedback and discussed bear safety options and experiences.

Steve also reviewed the communications update document provided in meeting kits.

Members discussed website including re-design, functionality, updating capabilities, and current issues. The Board has already approved \$10,000 for a website update. The Executive can issue an RFP.

Steve also provided an overview of SharePoint issues. Steve will conduct more research on SharePoint. The system needs to be user friendly for the Board. The Board can provide training as required. Steve provided information about Google Suite. Graham provided an overview of past software options and reasoning. SharePoint was originally selected to help maintain and access archived Board kits.

SETTING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2020-2021 (TAB 11) – G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the meeting dates document for 2020 and 2021.

- April 28 to 30, 2020
- June 9 to 11, 2020
- October 20 to 22, 2020
- December 8 to 10, 2020
- February 16 to 18, 2021

The location of the on-the-land meeting will be determined in April 2020.

YUKON FORUM FISH AND WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP REVIEW UPDATE (TAB 09) — J. Burdek, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem and John Burdek provided update and an overview of the Stratos checklist provided in meeting kits. Board members were welcome to provide feedback.

Comments/Discussion:

- Why doesn't it include additional finances to the Board? This is a significant ask and finances should be made available for the Board to properly engage.
 - If additional finances are required for Board operation, it must go before the Implementation Working Group as part of the renewal of the five-year review of land claims implementation before any changes can be made. As far as participation in the review, the Board has had lengthy discussions with Yukon government to the Yukon Forum Working Group regarding additional costs and need for additional funding. That discussion has been ongoing. It has been difficult to budget for activities that have been moved to next fiscal year. The checklist will assist.
 - Funding was discussed, but until the recommendations from the report are implemented, funding won't be addressed.
 - The working group will meet one more time before the fiscal year end.
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MEMBERS TIME — IN CAMERA

No minutes were recorded

DAY 2: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Ron Chambers, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson, Sebastian Jones, Dawn Kisoun, Ken Taylor, Randy Taylor,

REGRETS: Franklin Patterson, Carl Sidney, Blanche Warrington

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Colleen Henry (Minute Taker)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Henning (Acting Director, Fish & Wildlife, Environment), Rob Florkiewicz (Harvest Coordinator, Environment), Ed Schultz (Natural Resources and Environment Senior Analyst, CYFN), Barb Coppard (Policy Analyst, Environment), Matt Clarke (Manager, Regional Programs, Environment), Gary Darbyshire (Co-Chair, Alsek RRC), John Trotter (Haines Junction), Eric Shroff (Yukon Fish and Game Association), Jackie Hong (Yukon News), Lars Jessup (Fish and Wildlife Branch), Robert Perry (Species Manager, Environment), Al Von Finster (YSSC), Dennis Zimmerman

BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (TAB 11) — J. Burdek, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem and John Burdek provided an update on: the history and background; planning; meetings; implementation; Alastair Bath and the bison plan from the Tok, Alaska region; workshops; and increasing hunting opportunities and impacts to landscape and local people.

Graham introduced the questionnaire, entitled *What are your views about bison in southwest Yukon?* The Board reviewed the questionnaire before it was released. The questionnaire was provided in meeting kits. Steve Hossack will provide an autofill version of the survey. The next working group meeting is March and will be held in Carmacks.

Comments/Discussion

- There are positive and negative aspects to bison hunting. One trapper was severely impacted by bison hunters on his trapline. He was a serious trapper and not a hobby trapper. The Board should deal with these types of issues if we can.
 - A bison hunt was raised at a tourism conference. Tourism hunting opportunities could also help address the population goal of the plan.
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LANDS AND RESOURCES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE — E. Schultz

Ed Schultz provided an overview of: his position at CYFN; committee of land and resource directors and meetings; facilitating dialogue in communities for collaboration; advising the leadership table about emerging issues or “hot issues”; experience on natural resource issues; Yukon Forum letter regarding invasive species; bison survey; bison impacts to land and moose; collaboration with the Board to ensure messages and information reach leadership; monitoring and supporting activities of UFA; RRC surplus funds and projects; ORV regulations; facilitation on YESAA MOU process and redesign; First Nations Climate Change Declaration, thematic tables and an action plan on climate change; Yukon Forum Fish and Wildlife support harvesting from an economic development angle and current engagement with First Nation communities; establishing a sustained level of dialogue with the Board; and traditional knowledge in decision-making. Ed will convey the Board’s interest in the harvest support program to his working group.

Ed will add the Board to a meeting notification list. CYFN’s next Land and Resource Committee meeting will be March 26 or 27.

John Burdek provided a brief overview of the Board. He welcomed ideas and suggestions to develop a better conduit to First Nations. The Board will forward its meeting dates schedule to Ed.

Comments/Discussion:

- We don’t have an ongoing communication with First Nations, so having a contact at CYFN is very welcome.
- In the past, the Board was occasionally invited to leadership meetings. It is also important that the Board knows the position of all lands and resources directors in order to support those positions.
- There was a draft TOR which Ed will bring forward for approval. The Land and Resources Committee is a body to vet issues. Ed is mandated to have open communication with the Board.
- Ed provided an overview of the First Nations Climate Change Declaration and gathering. He is advocating for fish and wildlife to be a climate change thematic table. During the gathering, delegates spoke about impacts to hunting and fishing activities which are directly correlated to reduced opportunities for children to learn traditional activities because of decline of fish stocks or hunting opportunities.
- Directors have asked Ed to find better ways to communicate and exchange information and look at possible consolidation on issues such as Traditional Knowledge. There are seven regulatory bodies and government agencies looking for ways to integrate TK in their decision-making and management planning. He suggested they look at how to collapse and build partnerships across governments and regulatory agencies on initial steps to address barriers to integration of TK.
- Example: Kluane Lake cottages were built in the middle of a soapberry patch which will create bear problems. We need to collaborate, but we also need strength to say “no”. Culture is a strong consideration. Sensitivity about cultural or sacred sites is better now.

YUKON MOOSE HARVEST MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND YUKON WILDLIFE ACT MOOSE HARVEST REGULATION CHANGES (Update) (TAB 13) — R. Florkiewicz, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem provided a brief overview of the December recommendation to extend the public consultation period for 90 days for the three moose proposals. Some of the communication materials may be reframed.

Graham provided an update on the Moose Harvest Management framework/toolbox review. The review should be completed around the same time the regulation changes are completed. The 2002 framework applies until the update is completed.

Steve Hossack provided an overview and update on the moose regulation change proposals and the Indigenous Harvesting Rights document produced by Yukon government.

Rob Florkiewicz provided more information about antler configuration as a tool to increase potential opportunities. That context can be provided in meetings and in the toolbox engagement.

The next step is to have a group discussion. The department is waiting for the outcome of the engagement process and to see what support the Board would like from the department.

Dawson RRC, Teslin RRC, Carcross/Tagish RRC, Laberge RRC and Ta'an have expressed interest in the engagement. Meeting dates and times will be provided to the Board.

Comments/Discussion:

- The biggest confusion relates to the framework. Antler configuration was a contentious issue at the public meeting in December. The antler configuration is a hang up and there is a lot of resistance. It is unclear whether antler configuration is a key component of the proposal. The new survey includes a list of options from the framework.
- There is a lot of concern about proposals not going before Cabinet and the minister having the final say. The Finlayson caribou is the most cited example of where this concern comes from.
- Indigenous harvesting right communication piece — There is a lot of background information included so that people have a more informed approach which will help. Regarding some concerns, Proposal 2 communications materials have been rewritten in a way that won't raise red flags. Proposal 3 now includes an estimate of subsistent harvesting numbers.
- Because the Board granted an extension on the conversations we were having in the fall, the department views these proposals as the same proposals. They are not new proposals. We revised them to provide more clarity and better information and enable the public to have a better understanding of the changes being proposed.
- The department heard the concerns about having antler configuration in the proposal, however, out of transparency, it was felt it was important to maintain the same proposal and phrase it in a way to describe that these are the available tools and nothing is entrenched.

- The antler configuration will be dealt with under the toolkit review and update. The Board and the department have taken a lot of time to make sure communication is clear on the proposals. It should clarify the confusion and refocus on the large issue of adaptive management.
 - We need to provide better information about terminology at the beginning of engagement sessions. If people don't understand, they oppose.
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DALL SHEEP PERMIT HUNT AUTHORIZATION ASSIGNMENT, GMZ 7 EAST (TAB 14) — Lars Jessup

Lars Jessup reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, entitled *Permit Hunt Authorizations in GMZ 7 East using Sheep Management Units*. The presentation was provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Total projected harvest is 60. Sustainable harvest is 72. There is a buffer for First Nation harvest. The current success rate is used to project future harvest.
 - The sheep management has been largely successful. There are few red flags and the population is healthy. There may be room for more permits.
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ADAPTIVE HARVEST MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIONS (TAB 15) — R. Florkiewicz

Rob Florkiewicz reviewed the Adaptive Management 2020-2021 PowerPoint presentation provided in meeting kits. Topics included: adaptive measures in regulation; basis in *Wildlife Act*; Regulation Amendments pre UFA; Post UFA process; Wildlife Regulations – Flexibility in regulation since 1996; Adaptive Management for Bison and Elk 2007 and 2008; Faro threshold hunt (2015); recent adaptive measures applied; Alsek RRC Proposal in 2016; adaptive ability to manage permit (PHA) number (2019-2020); and adaptive measures in 2020-2021.

Comments/Discussion:

- For the general public presentations, pose questions about adaptive management and then provide the answer to facilitate understanding.
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ANGLING WORKING GROUP (TAB 16) — G. Van Tighem, D. Zimmermann

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the *Angling Working Group Update* presentation provided in meeting kits. Topics included: pre-2012 angling work; origin of angling working group; Yukon fisheries management considerations; current management options of barbless hooks and size limits; differences in lakes and lake trout; restoration and enhancement options; working tasks; fishery regulation changes; m; angling working group terms of reference; and activities.

Dennis Zimmermann reviewed the *Perceptions of Catch and Release — “Playing with Food or Global Conservation Ethic”* PowerPoint presentation provided in meeting kits. Topics included:

top Southern Lakes fishery issues; angler behaviour change; catch and release definition, voluntary versus regulatory, conservation; fish caught and released for various species; recreational fishing catch and release in Yukon, in Canada and globally; complexities (polarized perspectives and issues); aspects of capture, handling and release; stress/mortality with catch and release; initiatives, research and findings; Respect for Fish (R4F); Keep Fish Wet (education and empowerment); project to date and next steps; and 2020-21 activities including FEED course (Fish Education and Ethics Development), workshops, e-learning platform, print materials, signage and video/photos.

Comments/Discussion:

- Dennis Zimmerman will be working with anglers and possibly Carcross/Tagish First Nation to develop a code of ethics.
- There is a lot of catch and release with guiding, but they don't let it go on and on. It would be the same as an outfitter shooting all the sheep in one run. That would be the end of his business. We have to break up catch and release between guides and anglers. We can't paint everyone with the same brush. It's a big contributor to the economy in Yukon.

YUKON FISHERIES PROGRAM UPDATE (TAB 17) — C. Sinclair

Cameron Sinclair reviewed the 2020 Fisheries Program Update PowerPoint presentation provided in meeting kits. Topics included: core projects; 2020 angler harvest surveys in Dezadeash, Frenchman Lake, Twin Lakes, Fox Lake, Kathleen River; lake trout population surveys in Dezadeash, Pine Lake and Frenchman Lake; stocked lakes program; Southern Lakes research projects including Lake Trout Movement Patterns, Lubbock River: Grayling Genetics; Reporting for 2020; modelling; and Overarching Questions.

Comments/Discussion:

- We don't have an issue with burbot. There is only so much that the lakes can sustain. We have to be careful about bag limits.
- We have some depleted lakes and there are lakes with a small population because that is what the lakes can sustain. We have to frame the information differently.
- We have to inform the public and engage them with the fishing resource.

YUKON SALMON SUBCOMMITTEE — A. Von Finster

Al Von Finster provided an update on recommendations to the minister, recommendations to Yukon First Nations (CT precautionary harvest of chinook and sockeye salmon), CAFN restoration projects and encouraging Coho harvest, request for harvest numbers, salmon management planning (Porcupine, Teslin), transboundary meetings, workshop, upcoming meetings for Yukon River Panel, *Fisheries Act* implementation; five-year contribution agreement

with DFO; strategic plan to be finalized and released; traditional knowledge; stock restoration project and videos.

The next YSSC meeting is February 26 and 27, 2020.

Comments/Discussion:

- Bering ciscos — A cisco was found in the Dawson area. AI did a detailed review of the latest document and it has problems in that people with fish wheels documented 30 ciscos but by the time it was written they were transmogrified into Bering cisco.

YUKON GOVERNMENT HARVEST EFFORT SURVEYS (TAB 19) — R. Florkiewicz

Rob Florkiewicz provided an update of harvest effort surveys. A copy of the Yukon Bureau of Statistics 2020 Small Game Hunting Survey was included in meeting kits. The results will be shared with the Board.

Graham Van Tighem provided a few comments received from RRCs about the surveys.

Comments/Discussion:

- Some small game are viewed as varmints. To First Nations, they are viewed as a food source. We don't have less respect because they are smaller. That value is lost to a degree.
- The Board worked with the Department develop communications regarding small game harvest and the value of ground squirrels and porcupine – this is in the regulation summary.
- When this survey came out, there were a lot of concerns with questions 48 through 51. It seems highly inappropriate for the Department to ask a question addressing whether small game like grouse or hare should have “rights similar to those of humans” – who and why was that question asked. If we shoot a grouse and it has the rights of humans, do we go to prison?
- There was also some confusion and mixed messages with questions about hunting and snaring snowshoe hare and grouse. It may suggest to people that they can snare grouse which is illegal.
- There will be mixed results between section 2 and section 3 which includes repetition for grouse and grouse/ptarmigan.
- There was a lack of information about the purpose of the survey which was a concern to hunters. It seemed like a rushed survey and very poorly written.
- The survey could have been used as an opportunity to include educational information about various species, rather than misinformation.

DAY 3: Friday, December 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Ron Chambers, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson, Sebastian Jones, Dawn Kisoun, Carl Sidney, Ken Taylor, Randy Taylor,

REGRETS: Franklin Patterson, Blanche Warrington

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Colleen Henry (Minute Taker, CAH Services)

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Sibbeston (YFWET, Manager), Ryan van der Marel (Senior Fish and Wildlife Planner, Environment, YG), Barb Coppard, Peter Knamiller, Rob Perry,

WOLF MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES (TAB 20) — P. Knamiller

Peter Knamiller reviewed the Southern Lakes Wolf Monitoring, 2019-2020, a Collaborative Ground-Based Monitoring Initiative PowerPoint presentation provided in meeting kits. Topics included: purpose of monitoring in Southern Lakes; the study area covering five traditional areas; activities; workshops with game guardians; methods, data collection and documentation (app), and data sharing; live trapping, training and incentives; live GPS collar monitoring and Vectronic Aerospace.

A copy of the *Implementation of the 2012 Yukon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan* was provided in meeting kits.

Peter provided a brief update on the Alsek project evaluation and Champagne/Aishihik report-back meeting the week of February 10, 2020.

Comments/Discussion:

- First Nations have a cultural connection to wolf and are willing to step up in terms of management. It is important not to use culture for political purposes.
- The study area doesn't cover the entire Southern Lakes area. The title should reflect the actual study area (Carcross).
- The Board should request a presentation from game guardians. Enhancement Trust application deadline is March 2.
- Southern Lakes region was selected as a pilot study due to capacity (close by and inhabited by caribou).
- There has been a lot of interest in Carmacks and Champagne Aishihik area.

- Samples are collected during capture. Photos of teeth are used to estimate age. Location information is in database form and is used for statistical analysis (seasonal ranges, high activity times). Weights of wolves are between 90 and 100 pounds.
- Impact of trail usage on caribou is integrated with the monitoring program. Lars is collecting GPS location data on caribou with an interest on highway corridor usage.
- Wolves are a high priority. It would be helpful to develop a big picture. Wolves are now focusing on harvesting bison. It would be good to study behavioural changes. This project is a massive undertaking and many people are contributing time and funds. The Board may be able to assist in expanding the program.

WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (TAB 21) — R. van der Marel

Graham Van Tighem introduced the management plan and provided a background and history.

Ryan van der Marel provided an update on the implementation review including: timeline and activities; the progress assessment report; and meetings to date. He also provided an overview of how meetings are conducted.

The Implementation of the 2012 Yukon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Preliminary Progress Assessment Report (draft) was included in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Will the board be involved in creating the plan? *It is implementation focused so the decision was that Yukon government will lead.* It might be a good idea to change the title of the presentation to highlight that it is an implementation review.
- The Board will share contacts for North Yukon RRC with Ryan.
- Carcross/Tagish is doing an indigenous land relation plan and they don't recognize the bear and wolf conservation plans.
- Perspectives on wolves are very polarized. What we heard from First Nations, RRCs and stakeholders. There is a strong concern about moose, caribou, placer mining, access. There is a strong reluctance to blame wolves. First Nations are strongly in favour of tools in the documents. RRCs would like to explore other options (denning wolves). There have been no stakeholder meetings yet. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and NND are strongly supportive of getting more community-based trapping programs going.
- Implementation should be supported in communities. There is missing capacity to broadcast out information. The department does the community fish and wildlife workplans which breaks things down with the community and RRCs in the traditional territory on a five-year level.
- The Board has put resources and time into permit hunt authorizations for South Canol and Sifton-Miners and an adaptive management moose proposal to limit licensed hunters. Many challenges could be offset by undertaking objectives in goal 4 of the wolf conservation management plan.

- Measure 1 to amend the Yukon Wildlife Act and regulations to enable RRCs to establish bylaws. What is the plan regarding this? This has been accepted in the document but has not been enacted. This needs to be a political mandate. It comes down to what Cabinet wants. The department wants to open the act and make amendments. It's becoming a constitutional argument and limits the ability of RRCs to fulfill their obligation under the UFA. Other acts have been opened up over the years. Government has heard that message loud and clear.
- The Board should have attended the meetings with the RRCs. We should be included in the final meetings so we can be present when the implementation is being reviewed. This was a key aspect to our acceptance of the wolf plan as written.

YFWMB OPERATING PROCEDURES REVIEW AND UPDATE (TAB 22) — G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem provided an overview. There may be additional changes to the operating procedures as a result of the Board review by Stratos in the future.

Graham and John reviewed the following:

- Appointments — There is one nominee from CYFN and one from Government of Yukon or Canada.
- Stop gap — The elected Chair will serve for a one-year term with a possible extension of one year. The position will be revisited annually.
- Three-tiered in-camera procedures need to be drafted and incorporated into the operating procedures and will include clauses from the UFA. Minutes of the in-camera portions will also be included.
- Conflict of interest guidelines will be reviewed. Additional changes may be required following the Stratos review.

Motion – 2020-04: The Board operating procedures will be changed to reflect that “the term for the Chair position will be for one-year term with a possible extension. Remove wording that limits the length of term to two years.

Moved by: Ron Chambers

Seconded by: Dawn Kisoun

Passed by: Consensus

Motion – 2020-05: That the Board support the addition of section 4.3.4 regarding the RSP plan in the admin policies.

Moved by: Danny Cresswell

Seconded by: Dawn Kisoun

Passed by: Consensus

MEMBERS TIME (TAB 23 – Discussion items) – IN CAMERA (No Media)

No minutes were recorded.