

**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**June 8 ,9 & 10, 2021**  
**MINUTES**  
**Silver City, YT**

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**DAY 1: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

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**PRESENT:** Carl Sidney (Chair), Randy Taylor (Vice-Chair), Cheyenne Bradley, John Burdek, Danny Cresswell, Sebastian Jones, Ken Taylor, Blanche Warrington

**REGRETS:** Franklin Patterson, Dawn Kisoun, Michele Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson

**STAFF:** Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Cattet (Director, Fish and Wildlife, Environment), Janice Sibbeston (YFWET, Manager)

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**1. OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Carl Sidney welcomed everyone. Janice Sibbeston provided the opening prayer.

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**2. ADMIN AND FINANCES**

**A. AGENDA REVIEW— C. Sidney**

Carl Sidney reviewed the agenda. It was noted that “April” Minutes should read “February” Minutes.

**Motion – 2021-04:** That the Board accept the June 8-10th, 2021 agenda as amended.

**Moved by:** John Burdek

**Seconded by:** Cheyenne Bradley

**Passed by:** Consensus

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**B. EXECUTIVE REPORT — G. Van Tighem**

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the Executive report provided in meeting kits. Points provided included:

- Additional meeting will be held with Carcross Tagish First Nation regarding issues related to wanting to have a traditional hunt utilizing the Southern Lakes Caribou herd and challenges they are running into. There is a whole generation who has not experienced the traditional hunting of caribou.

- Regarding the National Grizzly Bear Management Plan, the overall goal of the Yukon participants (Tom Jung/ Jodi Pongracz) is to ensure that the Yukon Grizzly Bear Management Plan is encompassed within the Federal Plan.
- Hunting impacts are currently being reviewed at by the Bison Technical team, harvest this year was fairly high, though not over the maximum of 300.
- Weekly meetings with Marc Cattet have been very positive, productive, and beneficial.
- The Angling Working Group has had two very productive meetings to date. Having outside facilitation has been both very positive and beneficial.
- The RRC AGW is being held in Whitehorse this year, hosted by the Carmacks RRC. It is scheduled to be in October either in Carmacks or in Whitehorse.
- Discussions around honoraria, transfer agreements/funding and conformity of Wildlife Act with First Nation Agreements and with CYFN have been very positive.
  - CO's manage to Wildlife Act but the Umbrella Final Agreements are important too and it has been some 25 years. There are certain RRC responsibilities that can't be addressed because they are not in the Wildlife Act and not able to access available tools in the UFA.
- A legal review was done regarding the Wildlife Act back in 2005. It would be beneficial to have a more recent opinion from Dave Joe as well.
- Jim Bishop legal review addresses legal case law and how it relates to Fish & Wildlife Management. This will be sent out to members and an interim meeting to enable Board discussion will be scheduled.
- It was pointed out by a member that it was important that the Board be prepared. Having an independent review would position the Board to be able to respond with knowledge and from a solid position.
- Regarding future meetings, question was asked regarding CYFN leadership? Graham informed members that he was working on a briefing note and would welcome any additional input. It was felt by member that briefing notes were important to keep members updated and up-to-speed.
- Meeting scheduled with Minister of Environment on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- CYFN General Assembly meeting dates are June 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>. Graham will check to see how many people the Board should bring.
- Question asked whether Kwanlin Dun would have their own RRC? Graham informed members that in discussions with them, they did say that they were seriously considering the idea but to date has had no further communication on whether they plan to move forward. The RRC is named in the Final Agreement as the Ibex RRC, and they have the funding and ability to formalize this should they wish.
  - Final comment by member that more time should be allocated to the Executive Report to allow more time for discussion.

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### **C. FINANCIAL UPDATE – D. Sheldon**

Diane Sheldon reviewed the Variance Financial report as of May 31st, 2021, provided in the meeting kits.

**Motion – 2021-05:** That the Board accept the financial report to May 31st, 2021, as presented.

**Moved by:** Randy Taylor

**Seconded by:** Sebastian Jones

**Passed by:** Consensus

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**D. FEBRUARY 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MINUTES – D. Sheldon**

Diane Sheldon reviewed the February minutes provided in the meeting kits.

The following changes were identified: Page 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet under Yukon Mineral Development Strategy: “will” should read “with”.

**Motion – 2021-06:** That the Board accept the February 17,18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as amended.

**Moved by:** Randy Taylor

**Seconded by:** John Burdek

**Passed by:** Consensus

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**3. CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW – G. Van Tighem**

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the correspondence to and from the YFWMB provided in the meeting kits.

Comments/discussion:

- Regarding email from Catherine Ford-Lammers about Chair/Vice-Chair appointments, Graham informed members that he would continue to follow up on “effective dates” of appointment.
- Question raised by member regarding Letter # 2 on whether a follow-up letter was still going to be sent. Executive Director confirmed that it was.
- Regarding (Letter # 4) Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee chair selection:

- **Motion – 2021-07:** That the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board approve the appointment of James MacDonald as Chair of the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee.

**Moved by:** Cheyenne Bradley

**Seconded by:** Blanche Warrington

**Passed by:** Consensus

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**4. WEBSITE UPDATE – Steve Hossack**

Information provided included the following:

- New page has been added to allow for fringe issues that the Board is and has been involved. This will provide a better understanding of the Board activities.
- RRC Blog – working with RRC Secretariats to develop
- Site for media roundup

- Cross posting between Facebook and Twitter to bring people in
  - Documents (agendas, minutes, reports) will be available
  - Reg change tracking module and conservation issues page
  - Work remains to be done on the development of a collective “vision statement”; a survey to determine Yukoners’ understanding of YFWMB and to identify gaps and then fill these gaps strategically.
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#### **5. DOE, YUKON FISH & WILDLIFE BRANCH UPDATE – Marc Cattet**

Marc’s update included the following:

- Have a pro-active as well as a reactive process within the department. The reactive process can be influenced by an elected component and can change day to day.
  - Provided structural overview within environment.
  - Current priorities include Mayo Lake fisheries, urban fox issues, biodiversity blitz in Kusawa area, hiring of a sheep/goat biologist.
  - Working on development of mission statement.
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#### **6. YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT TRUST – Ken Taylor, Janice Sibbeston**

Refer to Enhancement Trust minutes.

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#### **7. CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK LANDS AND RESOURCES UPDATE – Melina Hougen, Tom Buzell**

Melina and Tom concerns and issues included the following:

- Bison is a big concern, has resulted in increased traffic of hunters which has greatly affected trappers. Increase in snow in area has led to high use of trails, trappers lines are being over-run by hunters. Adjustments to hunting season could help alleviate this. If bison were included in subsistence hunting, harvest would take pressure off moose and caribou. Do have citizens that harvest but many don’t, often is an opportunistic harvest. Also issue with bison going into park, need mechanism to access to ensure they don’t start repopulating there. Another issue is that hunting pressure has caused them to move into sheep country causing habitat changes.
- Salmon is another issue, currently looking at impacts of trout on salmon.
- Elk are not really issue, we have pulled out of Elk conflict hunt, asking permission on property within Traditional Territory does not sit well with people.

- Regarding Aishihik dam, have issues with YEC, would like to have independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party to do management. We want constant water levels.

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**DAY 2: Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 2021 – Strategic Planning – D. Zimmermann**

**See attached “YFWMB Strategic Planning Report”**

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**Day 3: Thursday, June 10, 2021 – Strategic Planning – D. Zimmermann**

**See attached “YFWMB Strategic Planning Report”.**

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# Strategic Planning - Comments, Perspectives and Priorities (2021-2026)

June 9 - 9am - 4pm and June 10 - 9am - 3pm  
Silver City, Yukon

## Participants:

- Carl Sidney
- Randy Taylor
- Ken Taylor
- Sebastian Jones
- John Burdek
- Blanche Warrington
- Cheyenne Bradley (day 1)
- Staff: Graham van Tighem, Steven Hossack, and Diane Sheldon

- YG Environment: Marc Cattet (day 1)

## Regrets:

- Dennis Dickson
- Michelle Dawson-Beattie
- Dawn Kisoun
- Franklin Patterson Jr.
- Cheyenne Bradley (day 2)

Facilitator:

Dennis Zimmermann - Big Fish Little Fish Consultants

## Purpose of this Report:

The report is a written record of comments, perspectives and priorities as put forth and recorded on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> by the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YFWMB) members in attendance. This report is accompanied by an additional, more concise document titled *YFMWB Vision, Goals and Strategies (2021-2026)*. The additional report is designed for broad distribution.

## Overview of the Process:

The facilitator led the YFWMB members through an engaging and interactive process over two-days. A series of questions and exercises were presented to the board that began to explore general and high-level perspectives and priorities that ultimately led to a focused Vision, Goals and Strategic (to accomplish over the next five years). The general agenda over two days featured:

## Day 1:

- Discussion around what inspires board members?

- Presentation regarding the purpose and definition of a strategic plan and what strategic planning is not.
- Review of all background material (see box 1).
- Review of the Stratos Report (2019) related to strategic planning, including external changes and areas of perceived duplication/overlap (see boxes 2 and 3).
- Review of the Lindsay Report recommendations.

### Day 2:

- Reviewed progress from Day 1
- Brainstormed what the YFWMB does well
- Prioritized what was most important to move forward for the plan
- Facilitated exercises to come up with focused Vision, Goals and Strategies.
- Brief discussion regarding covid-19 and the impacts to the YFWMB, fish, wild life and habitat (box 4).

### Box 1

Participants were provided with the following background information:

- YFWMB Mission, Powers and Responsibilities
- YFWMB Mandate (Chapter 16, Yukon Final Agreements) 16.7 and 16.7.11
- YFWMB Existing Vision Statements (two)
- Values and Guiding Principles 16.1.1.1 - 16.1.1.11
- Powers and Responsibilities 16.7.11 - 16.7.16
- YFWMB 2014-15 Strategic Work-plan - including Goals and Strategies
- Information Gathered from YFWMB Interviews (May/June 2021)
- YFWMB Operating Procedures as it relates to Strategic Goals Review (2015)

### What Inspires Me!

Reflecting on Yukon's fish, wildlife, and habitat, YFWMB members were asked what inspires them:

- UFA boards and YFNs. Land claim implementation is helping.
- Habitat and wetlands. We need to manage industry and new policies, regulations and legislation.
- Montana Mountain. The mountain has stories to tell with the ancient caribou blinds and the impacts it has gone through. The "Game Mother" story is inspiring.
- Forest fire burns. These demonstrate resilience, secondary growth and continuity.

*"Land does not need us. We need it".*

- Respect for Environment. It is a delicate balance and today it is not respected so much.
- Takhini Valley. Hope that people make good decisions.
- Yukon River. You can feel it. It has a fine and delicate balance. There is resiliency and everything is connected.
- Past board members. Their laughter, knowledge, Elders, and their life experience.
- No ownership of wildlife. A heartfelt relationship with wildlife.
- Recent discussions with hunters. People are starting to realize the constraint and don't need to harvest "my moose".

## Wetlands

There were larger themes identified, however, they were seen as bigger picture, longer term, or outside of the scope of the strategic planning session. The term "wetlands" was used given that they filter water. In a similar manner, these topics will require more work or "filtering".

- The overall relationship with YG. This could be better overall.
- The Stratos Report (2019). There were concerns regarding the Concerns approach, content, and perspectives. There was also a concern about the report referring to parties as "actors".

*"This has kept us from doing our jobs".*

- Definitions and lack of clarity regarding the YFWMB as the "primary instrument".
- There is a difference in scale and disconnect whereby YFWMB manages territorial wide, and Yukon First Nations (YFNs) as per the UFA only manage settlement land (not the whole traditional territory). It was the intention of the RRCs to be the bridge between the settlement lands and the traditional territories.
- Total Allowable Harvest.
- YFN Harvest Reporting is a bigger issues that requires all parties to support. First Nations want this too.

## Review of Chapter 16 and the Stratos Report (2019)

The YFWMB reviewed the major provisions of Chapter 16 as it relates to the board as well as an overview of the Stratos Report. The Stratos Report provided an independent evaluation of the YFWMB with a series of 27 recommendations. The following are relevant comments:

Primary Instrument:

- 16.7.11 - YFWMB is the primary instrument that may make recommendations, however, YFWMB is seen as more of an advisory board. Why are we only an advisory board?
- In the context of implementation it makes sense. The YFWMB is not there yet. It has been 27 years and have not yet reached the "primary instrument".
- YFWMB are not confident our recommendations are being heard.
- We are stronger than the individual voice.
- YG can advise the board and then it is our job to sit down with all parties and stakeholders.
- "Primary" means, creating a level playing field between all.
- 16.7.16 - YG "seek views" rather than Consults with the board on legislation.

Stratos Report Overview - including the areas of duplication/overlap, and review of external changes (see boxes 2 and 3):

- "Agreed" public mandate - may not be achievable or realistic. Took 30 years to negotiate. They would like to revisit it because the parties don't like it.
- "Agreed" means controlled.
- Maybe it should be "understood" as the primary instrument rather than agreement.
- Chapter 16 is constitutionally "protected". We spend time defending what was agreed to.
- Bureaucrats don't understand.
- Mandate is not up for debate (Chapter 16).
- This is based on opinions and interpretation.
- What "they" agree with is YG and not the other "actors".

*Box 2*

External Changes as stated in Stratos (2019):

- Evolving Indigenous Rights
- Growing First Nation Capacity
- Unsettled YFNs
- Increased pressures and conflict over wildlife
- Evolving societal views and values
- Increased technology, both positive and negative

### *Box 3*

Areas of Overlap/Duplication as stated in Stratos (2019):

- Mandate 16.3.15 "no duplication in the public management of fish and wildlife".
- 16.3.15 Minister retains ultimate jurisdiction consistent with Chapter 16.
- First Nations without Final Agreements.
- Inuvialuit Final Agreement/Porcupine Caribou Management Board.
- Public engagement.

### *Box 4*

Covid -19 Discussion. The board wanted to articulate the effects of covid-19 on the YFWMB work and fish, wildlife and habitat.

- It has affected us all.
- We need to acknowledge it.
- We need to be flexible and adaptable in approach.
- It is no longer an unknown.
- May require new technology upgrades (e.g. internet or computers) to support engagement.
- RRCs have been hampered by this.
- Affects habitat, fish and wildlife through people's "food security" needs.

## Relationship with Yukon First Nations

The YFWMB spent time discussing the relationship with YFNs. The following are relevant comments:

- UFA is an evolving agreement.
- We need to know we are always on a traditional territory.
- All YFNs are different and have different needs. Be specific and work with each YFNs to build a relationship.
- Perception that the board is a remnant of colonization.
- YFNs have solutions for their challenges. We need to ask them directly.
- We need to recognize the capacity constraints with YFNs.
- YFWMB meets with the Lands and Resources Departments before Executive, Leadership, Chiefs and Councils.

*"This is a slow process and takes time. It is out of balance now.  
It takes time to do this".*

- Need to educate YFNs on the YFWMB role and build trust.
- Should go to General Assemblies and send board members (not necessarily the Executive of the YFWMB).
- Keep boards meetings open and invite all YFNs.

- YFNs have different paths they can take to address their concerns: they can engage with us, or go political with other levels of Government.
- YFN staff need to be educated as well. There is always turnover.
- There is a perception with YFNs that YFWMB caters to YG; as a result they feel unheard.
- If we need technical support we invite YG technicians to come to our meetings. YFNs don't do this. YFNs go to Lands and Resources Committee and deal at the political level. YFWMB can be a valuable resource.
- 16.1.1.11 - need to enhance and promote the full participation of YFNs.

### Response to the Lindsay Report Recommendations

The Lindsay Report, featured a review of the 27 recommendations from the Stratos Report consolidated into six recommendations and additional considerations for the parties and YFWMB. Each recommendation was discussed with feedback specific provided by board members.

*Recommendation #1 (All Parties).* Board to Consider Integrating YFN Governments in their Review and Recommendation Process.

- The YFWMB is actively working on this.

*Recommendation #2 (All Parties).* Board's Re-Examination of Strategic Public Interest Role.

- YG provides the science, the YFWMB can support the TK.

*Recommendation #3 (All Parties).* Board's Role and Priority for Habitat-related Matters.

- Board is doing this through a Habitat Working Group (including the fish habitat committee of the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee).

*Recommendation #4 (All Parties).* Board's Role in Identifying and Implementing Total Allowable Harvests.

- YFWMB should keep an eye on this and do a legal review.
- This assumes there is something to work with. It is not worth "diving in" without the parties working on it.

*Recommendation #5 (All Parties).* Acquiring Robust Harvest Information and Facilitating Harvest Requests from the Board

- This requires caution and will be tricky to do.
- YFNs are trying to get this too.
- YG is struggling with this and trying to push this forward.

*Recommendation #6 (All Parties)*. 6. Reconsider Board's Regulation Change Process

*"We've been hung out to dry a few times...more often than not".*

- When we gain trust we could make recommendations to YFNs and make recommendations to YG and YFNs on alternate years.
- Take on fewer proposals and screen better.
- Should reconsider the level of involvement.
- Process is getting really big. It ties up a great deal of time. There are things we can do process wise.
- Regulation changes are also not always implemented.
- We can bridge with RRCs using the regulation process.
- Need to define roles, responsibilities, and timelines.
- Board is a trusted source of engagement through the reg change process where people feel they are heard.

*"It gets muddy and we get thrown under the bus".*

*Other Considerations:*

- Board's Role in Unsettled Areas. This should be the same as settled.
- Improve Public Understanding of the Board's Roles and Responsibilities. We have no comment.
- Board's Role in Species of Territorial, National and International interest. We could get involved in species and populations of interest (e.g. Bison in the National Park). Get ahead of species of interest (e.g. Lake Trout). Not waiting for the Minister or an issue.

What the YFWMB does well?

The Board wanted to ensure they acknowledged what they do well and would like to continue. The following is a list of what is done well:

- We hear and listen to what people are saying and bring this back to our meetings. Consensus by active listening.

*"there is a reason we have two ears and one mouth"*

- We stay out of politics.

*"We keep our powder dry and find the pearls in the mudpie"*

- Our public credibility is high.
- Relationship building with staff and the board is good.
- There is a high degree of diversity in the members, including community representation.
- Board culture is adaptable, not static, not immovable, and responsive.

- We are financially accountable.
- We conduct management plans well (e.g. wolf, grizzly bear plans).

*"Do what we say we will"*

- We strive continuously to improve relationships with our partners.
- Public engagement is done well, even within a clumsy regulation change process.
- We are all representing fish and wildlife together and not self-serving, regardless of where we have come from (FN or non-FN).
- The quality of our recommendations are tied back to research and well crafted.
- Long-term staff retention, professionals, and corporate knowledge.

### Review of the Current Vision Statement(s)

The YFMWB reviewed the current vision statements and provided the following comments.

**"Foster an environment where Yukoners continue to enjoy their culture of hunting, fishing, and contact with healthy and abundant fish and wildlife populations, sustained in productive habitats resulting from planned and integrated ecosystem-based management."**

**"With dedication and leadership in creating and fostering cooperation and strong partnerships between governments and their departments, public interest organizations, and especially Yukon people, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board will ensure the protection and conservation of Yukon fish and wildlife, and their habitats, for the benefit of future generations."**

- These came from the 2020 symposium, trying to make everyone happy.
- If you can't remember what it says, it's too long.
- Brevity - e.g. "Support fish, wildlife and habitat to the best of our ability" .
- We could be an example for the rest of the world in a way to do things better.
- Strive to be a role model and demonstrate a new way of doing business.

The YFWMB brainstormed and came up with the following conditions for a vision statement that would be:

- Aspirational.
- Simple yet profound.
- Rememberable.
- Say who we are.
- Say why we are here.

- Relevance.

### Information Gathered from YFWMB Interviews (May/June 2021)

Over the course of May and June, all YFWMB were interviewed by the facilitator. Their comments were visually aggregated and correlated into major themes and statements. The YFWMB reviewed these themes and statements, discussed, and then prioritized which ones they would like to move forward for the plan.

#### Strengths:

- Diversity of interests and composition.
- Elders.
- Passion about fish, wildlife and habitat and Chapter 16.
- We do important work.
- Work with RRCs.

#### External:

- Hunting lifestyle changes.
- Public doesn't understand land claims.
- Lost the spirit and intent.
- Bureaucracy is against progress.
- YFGA "muddies" waters, would like a better relationship.
- YG holds the purse strings.

#### Important to me:

- Fish, wildlife and habitat need a voice and support land dwellers.
- All Yukoners have a voice.
- For future generations.
- Trapping.
- Following Chapter 16.
- Habitat protected areas.

#### Relationships:

- Building relationships with YFNs.
- Board has decreasing authority and needs support.
- Bureaucrats don't want to lose control, politicians go with it.
- All RRCs and YFNs are different.
- Excited at the new relationships with YG.
- Response time from the Minister.
- Different turnover at the Director level.
- RRCs and NGOs have high respect for the board.

### Could do Better:

- Consultation with YFNs.
- More engaged earlier, more frequent, communications as a board member.
- Be more strategic.
- We've been pigeon-holed into harvest management
- Be more proactive, less reactive.
- More balance, increased traditional knowledge and indigenous world view.
- More public engagement.
- Increased orientation for board members.
- More youth on board.

### Strategies:

- Can't lose public voice - participate in the process.
- Educate public on Chapter 16.
- Credibility and trust with all parties.
- More aligned with RRCs
- Lack of traditional knowledge, follow traditional ways.
- Demonstrate trust and working relationship with YG.
- Role beyond Chapter 16, it is all connected (e.g. Chapter 11 and other).
- Better regulation change process.
- Spiritual role should be increased.
- Good technical support from YG.
- Better stats and research to make informed decisions.
- Educate and achieve a common understanding of the primary instrument.

### Top Priorities:

- Need to work with YFNs, Lands Directors and RRCs.
- YFNs process like that of YG for recommendations with some additional resources.
- First Nation harvest data.
- Catch and release and playing with food
- On the Land Meeting with YFNs.
- Future climate change planning.
- Moose.
- Recommendations to YFNs and YG on things not on the radar (e.g. predator control and harvest).
- proactive mining regulations before impacts happen.
- conform mining regulations to the UFA.
- New website.
- Youth education in the schools (e.g. HEED/FEED).

### Success:

- If we have achieved with the voice of the animals.
- Fully engaged board.
- We are trusted and heard.
- Pleased with the regulation change process.
- All understand the role of the board.
- Have made progress on big issues.
- Protecting animal licks as an example of new metrics of success and way to work.

### Actions:

- Education with YFNs, RRCs, and YG.
- Traditional Knowledge.
- Harvest reporting.
- Relationship with YFNs.
- Relationship with YG and lack of relationship is an absence.
- Build relationships with RRCs and empower RRCs as a bridge.
- Youth values, teaching, respect and educate for FN and non-FNs.
- Support larger legislation that others won't take on.
- Focus on species.
- Public engagement.
- YFNs, build trust and have a half day or full day meeting with Lands and Resources Committee - have a big gathering "On the Land" not ZOOM!
- Engagement through the Angling Working Group.

### Being the Primary Instrument

The board was asked what demonstrating and embodying the "primary instrument" function of Chapter 16. They stated that they would "do" and "demonstrate" through the following functions:

*"We are the glue that holds it together" "not define it or fit it into a box" "We need to be like the river. The flow does not stop. Sometimes you get in the weeds or in the riffles or the wetlands"*

- Relationships with YG, YFNs, RRCs, Public and NGOs
- Roles and Mandate as long as we tie to UFA/Chapter 16,
- Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Lifestyle and Subsistence includes spiritual, ceremonial, First Nation ways, and balance with science.
- Represent, support, amplify the voice of fish, wildlife and habitat.
- Engagement within the regulation change process, public voice, for youth and future generations.
- Conducting Management Plans.

- Habitat with a focus on key legislation (e.g. wildlife act conforming to the UFA), mining, land use, and the impacts from climate change.
- Focus on Species and Specific Populations of Concerns such as moose/lake trout and those not on the YG radar.
- Communications around the roles and mandate under Chapter 16, tools (e.g. website), and to target different audiences.
- Education - Chapter 16 and land claims, schools, teach ethics/respect, and focus on harvest data.

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# YFMWB Vision, Goals and Strategies (2021-2026)

## Vision Statement

We will be the primary instrument that promotes sustainability and stewardship in the management of fish, wildlife and habitat on behalf of all Yukon people.

## Goals and Strategies

Over the next five years the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board will endeavor to achieve the following four goals:

### Goal #1:

Facilitating the Wildlife Act in conformity with the Umbrella Final Agreement.

#### *Strategies:*

- Inform parties of the intention of facilitating this work.
- Conduct an environmental scan and background research on the topic to understand perspectives.
- Educate all stakeholders (including the public) about the process and purpose of this work.
- Collaborate with Yukon First Nations and Renewable Resource Councils
- Engage in a collaborative multi-party process.

### Goal #2:

Complete a Moose Conservation and Management Plan.

#### *Strategies:*

- Approach the plan from a holistic perspective and consider technical research/science, and local/traditional knowledge.
- Engage with all parties and stakeholders and work to obtain collaboration throughout the process.
- Educate the public at large on the purpose, intention and Chapter 16 aspects of the moose management plan.
- Develop a comprehensive communication strategy associated with the planning effort.

### Goal #3:

Review and Improve the Regulation Change Process..

*Strategies:*

- Conduct a review with all parties and stakeholders (including internally with the YFMWB) to understand the opportunities and challenges with current and past processes.
- Proactively meet with the Government of Yukon to discuss the timing, process to undertake, and expectations around the review and improvements.
- Proactively meet with Yukon First Nations and Renewable Resource Councils.
- Work towards a collaborative, equitable, transparent and formalized process with all parties and stakeholders.
- Develop a comprehensive communication strategy associated with the review and improvements.

Goal #4

Develop a Habitat Protection Strategy..

*Strategies:*

- Collaborate with the Fish Habitat Working Group of the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee.
- Facilitate a process with all parties and stakeholders to identify and propose ORV management areas.
- Identify and prioritize critical habitat areas.
- Support Yukon First Nations and Renewable Resources Councils in proposed Habitat Protection Areas and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas.

We will undertake our work through the following approaches:

- Engagement (e.g. half day with YFNs, large YFN/RRC gatherings "On the Land", attend LRC meetings, formalize engagement approaches, attend GAs, send agendas in advance).
- Education (e.g. Angling Working Group on catch and release, strengthen public's understanding of the board and co-management structures).
- Research (e.g. key legislation, Habitat Working Group).
- Communications (e.g. new website, videos, and social media).
- Partnerships
- Traditional Knowledge (e.g. focus on respect, protocols and traditional law).
- YFWET (e.g. tie strategic priorities to the trust).