

YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

October 22 to 24, 2019

MINUTES

General Store, Gold Rush Inn

DAY 1: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson, Carl Sidney, Ken Taylor, Blanche Warrington

REGRETS: Ron Chambers

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Colleen Henry (Minute Taker)

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Sibbeston (YFWMET Manager), Christine Cleghorn (Director, Fish & Wildlife, YE), Sandy Smarch (Teslin RRC), Michael McKay (Auditor), Shawn Wassel (YOA), Amanda MacDonald (Information Systems, Corporate Services and Climate Change, YG), Mary Vanderkop

OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Carl Sidney said the opening prayer and John Burdek provided opening comments.

ADMIN AND FINANCES (TAB 01)

A. AGENDA REVIEW

John Burdek reviewed the agenda. There were no additions or deletions.

Motion – 2019-15: That the Board accept the October 22 to 24, 2019 agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ken Taylor

Seconded by: Michelle Dawson-Beattie

Passed by: Consensus

B. EXECUTIVE REPORT (TAB 01) – G. Van Tighem, J. Burdek, K. Taylor

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

Comments/Discussion:

- CYFN's elk/bison resolution — John Burdek provided information about a CYFN resolution to make elk and bison a subsistence species. No new information was available following the CYFN GA.
- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers — Graham and John provided information about the meeting. The Backcountry Hunters and Anglers will be invited to present at the December Board meeting.
- ARRC Resolution — Graham provided an update. The resolution has been rewritten and will be further discussed at the RRC AGW.
- Angling working group — Graham provided an update. Cameron Sinclair was interested in the angling working group. There are fisheries regulations that need to be wrapped up before any new conversations are started. John suggested there should be a meeting.
- Beaver River Management Plan — A workshop is underway on October 22 and 23. Steve provided an overview. There is a delay on the road in order to conduct data analysis and studies to understand the impacts of the ATAC road development. There will be more caribou and moose surveys and water sampling to develop a baseline. John provided information on the MOU. Christine provided additional information on the higher-level planning committee to deliver the plan. The field work is completed and there are a few information gaps. Karen Clyde and Mark O'Donoghue are attending the workshop. The next step is for government to meet with Mayo. The Board asked to remain informed as it has responsibility outlined in the MOU. Someone from the Board should be attending. John Burdek will follow-up and get additional information.

Motion – 2019-16: That the Board appoint James Macdonald as chair of the Yukon Salmon Sub-committee.

Moved by: Carl Sidney

Seconded by: Blanche Warrington

Passed by: Consensus

Graham Van Tighem will draft a letter to YSSC to confirm the appointment has been made. Graham will also draft a letter regarding the Beaver River Management plan for Board review.

C. FINANCIAL UPDATE AND AUDIT REVIEW (TAB 01) – D. Sheldon, M. McKay

Michael McKay reviewed the audited financial statements and audit report provided in meeting kits. There were no questions or comments.

Motion – 2019-17: That the Board accept the audit reports and audited financial statements as presented.

Moved by: Ken Taylor

Seconded by: Carl Sidney

Passed by: Consensus

Diane Sheldon reviewed the variance report to September 30, 2019.

Motion – 2019-18: That the Board accept the variance report as presented.

Moved by: Ken Taylor

Seconded by: Carl Sidney

Passed by: Consensus

ACTION ITEM REVIEW (TAB 05) – G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the action item list provided in meeting kits.

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.	<i>A desktop review has occurred and updates will be presented at the December meeting. Changes will require a motion from the Board.</i>
Action Item 2019-02: The Board will draft a recommendation to government from the Board and RRCs regarding an appointment process to avoid vacancies and gaps. The Board will circulate the recommendation for review and comment. The letter will be sent to government after two weeks.	<i>Completed. The letter was sent and the Board received a response included in Correspondence.</i>
Action Item 2019-03: The Board will draft a letter to government stating that the adaptive management	<i>Completed.</i>

presentation at the YFWMB meeting is not consultation, and the working group should be reconvened as soon as possible. The letter will be copied to RRCs.	
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CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW (TAB 06) – G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed the correspondence provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- #6 PCMB, Voluntary Harvesting Closure — Christine Cleghorn provided an overview of voluntary harvesting closure intended to let the leaders pass. This was about subsistence harvest and there was a small window of opportunity. It was voluntary and didn't relate to adaptive measures.
 - #16 Yukon Water Forum invitation — Members who are interested may attend.
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APRIL AND JUNE YFWMB MINUTES (TAB 04) – D. Sheldon

Diane Sheldon reviewed the minutes provided in meeting kits.

- April 2019 Regular meeting and RRC Chairs meeting
 - Motion – 2019-19:** That the Board accept the April 2019 minutes as presented.
 - Moved by:** Ken Taylor
 - Seconded by:** Michelle Dawson-Beattie
 - Passed by:** Consensus
- June 2019 on the land meeting minutes

The meeting was informational as there was no quorum. Move this indicator to the front page above “Southern Lakes Resort”. Anyone who attends the meeting outside of the Board will be listed under “In Attendance”

Page 13, bullets at the top — Have these items been completed. Christine provided an update. The packages were ready for signature and will confirm they have been sent. There is a meeting on November 5, 2019 and Ryan will speak to accomplishments.

Motion – 2019-20: That the Board accept the June 2019 informational minutes as presented.

Moved by: Danny Cresswell

Seconded by: Blanche Warrington

Passed by: Consensus

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE — S. Hossack

Steve Hossack introduced himself. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the following:

- Open files including the Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan and modernized Fisheries Act;
- Board kits and SharePoint, challenges, successes and a potential workshop;
- Digital communications strategy for 2020-21; and
- 2021 calendar update (to be further discussed during the calendar update).
- *Conservation Plan for Grizzly Bears in Yukon* were provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Permitting for development projects and Traditional Knowledge — Dennis Dickson provided information on impacts to fish in Edith Creek that can't reach spawning areas due to screen barriers placed and left by developers as a beaver deterrent.
 - Catch and release regulation changes — There are concerns in Teslin area. Those concerns are addressed in part in the regulation changes. Education and outreach is ongoing.
 - SharePoint — Training was proposed for Board members to learn how to navigate the systems. Steve offered to research auto update capabilities for the iPad software.
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ENVIRONMENT YUKON UPDATE — C. Cleghorn

Christine Cleghorn provided an overview of the following:

- ATIPP requests — Christine reviewed requests regarding outfitter harvest data and the findings from the Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner. A copy of the Commissioner's report is on the Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner website. Comments and discussion are included below.
- Ross River Dena Council's appeal filed on September 23, 2019 — Yukon government has filed their response and Christine will provide a copy to Graham. A copy of the appellant's factum was included in meeting kits.

- Branch staff list — Robert Perry is back from Newfoundland and will officially start on November 4. A copy of the list was included in meeting kits.
- The wolf package — It is ready to go and will be distributed after the department meets with the Board on November 5.
- Finlayson caribou — Chief and council have requested their citizens have a two-year moratorium. The department is trying to ensure Ross River has capacity to engage in discussions. There was a contribution agreement with Ross River to support guardians, increase staff or whatever else the First Nation needs to build capacity.
- Regulation changes — This is a significant amount of work that will be further discussed on Day 2.
- 40 Mile caribou — The department will update the Board on the agreement with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in at the December meeting.

Copies of the Ross River Dena Council Appellant's Factum and the branch staff listing were provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Shawn Wassel (YOA) provided additional comments. The rolled-up data has always been provided upon request by game management subzone. The regulations publish by game zone annually. It has always been available. The demarcation between resident, non-resident outfitted and non-resident special guide is the new level of detail that is disclosed. It has always been available to members. There is some concern about the level of detail provided in the game management subzone about how the data would be interpreted. There needs to be some context included, but YOA members don't see a need to broadly publish the information by game management subzone by harvester.
- Outfitter quotas — Not all outfitters are on quotas for all species. Not everybody is on all moose or caribou. Some have sheep quota. Quota is available publicly. The department provides 10 days' notice to outfitters if they are going to release that information.
- Outfitters are developing outfitter harvest plans which include historical harvest data.
- Next step for the department is to review the information collected such as subzone and landmark (voluntary). Conversations will take place in November and December with outfitters.
- Applicants are anonymous and there is no ability to know why they are requesting the information.
- As a result of this recommendation, the information is available upon request. The department will have a conversation about the appetite for proactive disclosure. The harvest data is available but the information that is missing is that the level of harvest is

well below the total annual sustainable harvest. The department struggles by not having the First Nation harvest data.

- The information released by ATIPP was by subzone. Outfitting concession boundaries don't fit neatly into zone maps. At the zone level you don't see outfitter harvest per outfit.

ANIMAL HEALTH UNIT UPDATE — M. Vanderkop

Mary Vanderkop provided an update on the following:

- 2020 Control Order — The risk of transmission of disease from domestic to wild sheep resulted in the 2020 control order. The unit is working with farmers to help ensure they are compliant. Compliance has been positive and unprecedented testing in Yukon. There will be an update for the agriculture sector in the middle of November. Mary appreciates the Board's influence to affect that change.
- Legislation on protection and control of domestic animals across the territory. A copy of the "What we heard" document on the review of animal protection and control laws in Yukon dated July 2019 was included in meeting kits.
- Act to replace the Dog Act and a new animal protection act — The Board can send its response/feedback to the Animal Health Unit. They are hoping to receive input by the end of November or beginning of December.

The "What we heard" document on the review of animal protection and control laws in Yukon July 2019; the letter from the Board to government regarding escaped wild boar; and the government's letter to the Board regarding review of animal protection and control legislation were included in meeting kits.

Comments/Questions:

- Regarding the 2020 Control Order:
 - How did you determine you have reached all the owners? We don't have them all. It will be continuing. A lot of owners were talking to each other and they are encouraging each other. The compensation is reasonably generous. The cost of fencing and testing is covered. The deadline for fencing support is coming up which is incentive for farmers to comply.
 - How are you monitoring the removal from the territory? There was one instance so far and we had a waybill from an airline.
 - What level of information sharing are you doing with the receiving jurisdiction? Yes, and they have no wild sheep.
 - There are variations on risk depending on farm conditions. The department is relying on initial and ongoing testing to determine and maintain they were

negative. The other aspect is fencing. Any violations are an offence under the Animal Health Act and are subject to prosecution once the control order comes into effect.

- The maximum altitude is 1,000 and currently no farms are above the maximum altitude.
- If we test a sheep and it comes back positive, the department can force the farmer to destroy the animal or remove it from the jurisdiction.
- Wild boar in Yukon:
 - Mary didn't know the exact number, but she has a pretty good idea. The agriculture branch has been working with industry. There is more than one producer.
 - Ken Taylor reviewed the Board letter regarding wild boar sent in 2018. Mary reviewed the process of phase 1 and phase 2. She suggested that the Board re-send the letter.
 - There needs to be an assessment of risk versus reward. The Board felt strongly about addressing this issue while the population was very small.
 - Mary is also looking for a suite of tools to deal with feral animals other than pigs/boar.
 - Any wild boar at large has been killed. The timeframe between the reported escapes and the destruction of the animals were relatively short. We need a legal path going forward. Wild boar are nocturnal but we can't hunt at night in Yukon.
- New Animal Protection Act:
 - Unlawfully releasing domesticated animals is covered by the territory-wide requirement for an owner to have control of their animals.
 - The definition of wildlife in the First Nation final agreements and the *Wildlife Act* are different.
 - Care and control aspects are intended to apply to domestic species.

YFWMB CALENDAR UPDATE — S. Hossack

Steve Hossack provided an update on the calendar including challenges (fish photos); photos; and refining call for submissions (names, sizes, locations, variety of species). A copy of the draft calendar was provided in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Bottom bar — Members discussed using bottom bars to recognize past board members.
- Wolverine season regulation change — The regulation change to close the season on February 28 hasn't gone to Cabinet yet. It won't come into effect until next year.

DAY 2: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Ron Chambers, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson, Carl Sidney, Ken Taylor, Blanche Warrington

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Sharon Kerr (Minute Taker)

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Cleghorn (Director, Fish & Wildlife, YE), Janice Sibbeston (Enhancement Trust), Sandy Smarch (Teslin RRC)

YUKON WILDLIFE ACT PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES – R. Florkiewicz, B. Coppard, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the following:

- Questions to be reviewed before a regulation change is considered;
- Board recommendations, information gathering, information verification, public review, and drafting implementation;
- The process between the board and government;
- Explanations regarding regulations, the Act, what regulation changes can be and how they are made;
- This year there are 38 proposals to be reviewed.

Copies of the 2019 regulation changes list and the tracking document were included in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- 2019-27 Fisheries Regulation Proposal — Change burbot limits to three per day
 - This proposal will move forward with changes incorporated.
 - YG reviewed the change to Burbot limits to 3 per day and 6 in possession.
 - Explains the background and the history of lakes that have been checked.
 - The changes are for lakes and not the rivers.
- 2019-03 Aggregate Catch Limits and Single Barbless Hooks for Lubbock River, Little Atlin, Snafu, and Tarfu Lakes

- There are concerns regarding catch and release sport fishing on Little Atlin Lake.
 - There are lot of issues here - this should go to the Angling Working Group.
- 2019-07 Remove Slot Size for Northern Pike on Teslin Lake
 - This proposal will move forward with amendments and with a general regulation. YG is supportive of the change.
- 2019-35 Moose regulation proposal — Sustainable Harvest Management of Moose in the Whitehorse North Moose Management Unit
 - This proposal will move forward this year as a substantive change.
 - Survey is being done from the past few years. There are tracked harvests for the area and the number of licences are increasing 12 per year.
 - The population density is low population and requires an immediate response.
 - The permit area is close to Whitehorse.
- 2019-34 Moose regulation proposal — Sustainable Harvest Management of Moose in the South Canol Moose Management Unit
 - This proposal will move forward this year as a substantive change.
 - The survey shows harvest is above sustainable levels.
 - They need to do something and advancing it with reg. changes with options.
- 2019-33 Moose regulation proposal — Adaptive Management of Moose in Yukon
 - This is a regulation change that should go forward this year.
 - The adaptive management should go out this year. There are two processes – Moose Harvest Adaptive mgmt. and Moose Harvest Framework Review.
- 2019-30 Habitat Protection Area — Off-Road Vehicle restriction
 - To prohibit the use of off-road vehicles in Habitat Protection Areas (HPA) areas.
 - The minister has a responsibility to move forward with this.
 - This is a start to the process and so small steps need to be taken.
 - This is a regulation change that should go forward this year. Need to make sure we are clear with the wording when we go forward.
- 2019-29 Generic Yukon seal and online registration of seals to an e-licence
 - Generic Yukon Seals
 - This is a regulation change that should go forward this year. Not a substantive change can be an administrative change.
- 2019-28 Allow Issuance of Fur Trading Licence to Corporation
 - This can go forward as an administrative change.
- 2019-18 Mayo MMU Moose Harvest Management
 - This is a community proposal to limit to a threshold, shorten the reporting period for the area, and change the hunting season (closed for August, open in September).
 - Survey in 2017 was two-thirds of the 2006 estimate.

- 2019-25 Caribou regulation proposal — Enable sustainable management of the Hart River Caribou Herd Management
 - The Board recommended Yukon government add language around how this is a proactive regulation.
 - The Mayo and Dawson RRC are supportive and want more detail to flush out measures. Yukon government has had discussions with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.
- 2019-24 Caribou Regulation Proposal — Nelchina Caribou Herd Adaptive Harvest Management — This will proceed as substantive.
- 2019-04 Close roadside hunting of grizzly bears/xoots in the traditional territory of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation
 - The First Nation is initiating a transboundary claim up to Jakes Corner. The grizzly bear management plan has been released. One measure includes local management of roadsides in various traditional territories. It should be initiated locally.
 - This proposal is grouped with 2019-26 – CTRRC.
- 2019-23 Administration of First Nation Community Group traplines
 - This will go forward as an administrative change.
- 2019-04 Mandatory Fur Harvest Reporting for Trappers (Teslin RRC) — To be advanced by Teslin RRC and YG.
- 2019-22 Standardized pelt sealing for wolf, wolverine, and lynx (YG) — To be advanced
- 2019-30 Habitat Protection Area — Off-road vehicle restriction — To be advanced – Substantive.
- 2019-31 Surface Disturbance Thresholds in Critical Habitat for Species at Risk in Habitat Protection Areas — To be advanced.
- 2019-17 Allow for wolves and coyotes to be harvested and recovered using snowmobiles in designated routes of Zone 5.
 - The title should be revised to read “Allow for the retrieval for legally harvested wolves and coyotes in designated routes of Zone 5”. This is directly related to bison hunting.
- 2019-20 — Allow trappers the ability to sell non-edible by products including skulls, bones, and claws from furbearing animals, wolves and coyotes.
 - This will be advanced.
 - This is in accordance with CITES.
 - There were cultural aspects (claws as part of regalia).
 - The title should be revised to specify bears are not included.
- 2019-36 Remove hunter education requirement for trapping concession holders born **before April 1, 1987**

- It will be advanced as administrative with the change.
- 2019-26 Carnivore Regulation Proposal — Enable adaptive management of roadside hunting for Grizzly Bear
 - This is grouped with 2019-04, but is separate and will go forward substantive.
- 2019-01 Management of Attractants for Dangerous Wildlife and Protection of Bears and Public in the Southern Lakes — This proposal will not be advanced.
 - There is a lot of overlap with regulations already in place and work that is already being done.
 - The department will respond and include details about why this proposal will be set aside.
- 2019-13 Allow for resident hunters to take one grizzly bear per year in Game Management Zones where moose and/or caribou hunting is by permit only
 - The grizzly bear plan includes sustainable harvest. This would be a substantial change and would lead to greater harvest.
 - This proposal will not be advanced as it contradicts the Grizzly Conservation Plan principles of sustainable harvest.
- 2019-06 Extend Bear Hunting Season (August 1 – June 21) – Teslin RRC
 - This is strictly a safety issue. Problem bears don't generally survive the winter.
 - This proposal has been put forward twice now.
 - This is a serious issue that needs to be further discussed in a public forum. Information about bear encounters need to be shared publicly.
 - There is more work to be done, and the Board will engage with the TRRC after the regulation change process is complete to help tackle this matter.
- 2019-19 Yukon Big Game Harvest Management – Mayo RRC - Substantive
 - The working group reviewed this proposal and recommended that it not be advanced at this time. There should be a discussion about moose harvest management guidelines and it can be added to the toolkit and it can be employed after the toolkit is accepted.
- 2019-16 Allow youth hunters under age of 12 to legally harvest coyotes and wolves while accompanied by a Yukon Resident Licensed Hunter — Alsek RRC
 - This requires an Act change. It will not be advanced – not a regulation change.
- 2019-08 Increase Wolf Bag Limits (12 for Yukon residents; 4 for non-residents) — Teslin RRC
 - The Board will work with Teslin RRC to develop one proposal – we have adaptive provisions in the Wolf Conservation Plan already for wolf harvest...
- 2019-09 Wolf Bag Limit Change (raise non-resident to 7) – YFWMB

- This is under ministerial discretion. With a recommendation this can be adjusted. It is not a regulation change. we have adaptive provisions in the Wolf Conservation Plan already for wolf harvest.
- The Board will work with Teslin RRC to develop one proposal.
- 2019-11 Open the Alaska Highway corridor for bison hunting throughout all of Zone 5 from the Slims River to the Alcan Border north of Beaver Creek September 1st to October 31st — Alsek RRC
 - This proposal was withdrawn by the ARRC.
- 2019-12 Include Zone 5-47 from Cracker Creek east to the Mendenhall River in the Elk Exclusion Area — Alsek RRC
 - This can be done adaptively. It has to go through the elk management team process. This will be tabled at the next elk management team meeting. Alsek RRC will be notified.
- 2019-14 Put the Kluane sheep draw on a weighted system — Alsek RRC
 - This is not a regulation change. KFN and Dan Keyi RRC also need to be included in discussion. Will not go forward at this time.
- 2019-15 Allow for an alternate Canadian Non-Resident Hunter to be listed on the Special Guide License Application Form – Alsek RRC
 - The working group identified a potential abuse of the system. This will not be advanced. It is also an act change and not a regulation change.

MOOSE HARVEST MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX REVIEW — C. Cleghorn, G. Van Tighem

Graham Van Tighem provided an update on the moose harvest management guidelines including: background and history; toolbox review; Yukon government’s adaptive management provisions; hunting technology and modern needs of managing moose harvest in the territory; RRC AGM engagement and presentations; usage; the process as defined in the UFA; and workshops. Recommendations will go to the minister in December and government-to-government consultations will follow. Government is trying to promote to First Nations that this is a time to engage with government to manage collaboratively. The recommendation from the Board will be stronger if there is engagement with First Nations earlier. This will help modify the legal context and the toolbox so they can work together and it will help to standardize the tools.

Copies of the Board letter to RRCs regarding the moose harvest management framework and the updated framework (May 2019) were included in meeting kits.

YUKON SALMON SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE — E. MacDonald

Tabled to December 2019 Board meeting.

DAY 3: Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT: John Burdek, Ron Chambers, Danny Cresswell, Michelle Dawson-Beattie, Dennis Dickson, Carl Sidney, Ken Taylor, Blanche Warrington

REGRETS:

STAFF: Graham Van Tighem, Diane Sheldon, Steve Hossack

SUPPORT: Colleen Henry (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC: Christine Cleghorn (Environment), Janice Sibbeston (Enhancement Trust), Sandy Smarch (TTC RRC), Coralee Johns (Carcross/Tagish First Nation), Math'ieya Alatini, Doug Eaton (via phone), Shawn Wassell (Yukon Outfitter Association), Jim Walsh, Aline Halliday (Wildlife Resource Manager, Yukon Fish and Game Association), Gord Zealand (ED, YFGA)

YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT TRUST — J. Sibbeston

Refer to the trust minutes.

YUKON MINERAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY — M. Alatini, D. Eaton

Math'ieya Alatini and Doug Eaton provided an update on the Yukon Mineral Development Strategy including: the MOU between First Nations and Yukon government; panel; pre-engagement work, scope and outcomes; RRC and Board participation; timelines for engagement, drafting, review, feedback, editing, final report and recommendations. The work is not meant to interfere with any work underway. A copy of the briefing note was provided in meeting kits.

What are the most important areas, issues, recommendations the panel should focus on when having discussions with members? If there is any work going on in communities it would be beneficial for the Panel to be made aware of them. If there are examples of successful programs or projects in Yukon or elsewhere it would be a huge help to the panel.

Comments/Discussion:

- Michael Pealow is coordinating meetings with RRCs, the Board and others. Style of engagement is up to interested groups. Individuals will be able to reply online. RRCs will have a meeting from November 15 to 17, 2019 in Dawson. Graham Van Tighem is assisting to develop the RRC agenda and may be included in November 15. Graham will follow up with Michael Pealow.
- Timeline for engagement is quite short and optimistic.
- One proposal to the panel was early engagement with youth to help create employment opportunities in the mining industry in Yukon from an early age (i.e. encouraging youth to stay away from drugs, life skills workshops in communities and training).
- Everyone knows the background regarding First Nations and residential school. Using the concepts of drug testing you will cross off a lot of Yukoners because of background. This was a problem that was created a long time ago. We need to pay attention to that circumstance, otherwise opportunities will go to other people. We have to take a broader look and work on it through Yukon College (University).
- Capacity development, especially in First Nation communities, is a challenge. It is a long process. Some jobs are readily available but the higher-level jobs require training. One recommendation is that a training trust should be set up to train Yukoners for mining related activities and it should be continuous for the long-term.
- There should be opportunities to train people who have potential but are struggling with issues to bring them to a level where they are no-longer high risk. The struggle is across the board.
- One model is for mining companies to have cost-benefit agreements with First Nation governments that would deliver the training. Companies are also interested in reducing the barriers. It is important to have a solid CBA or IBA that address these issues.
- Reclamation on companies that come to the territory — companies say they will carry out reclamation and remediation but that doesn't happen. Yukoners have to live with the impacts, issues and the bio-chemical effect.
- Look at breakaways. Some people who struggle in communities thrive when they are out working. Change can happen, but you have to look deeper than a drug test. We have to step back and see how to make it work. The opportunity should be explored. In the past First Nations didn't get jobs because of struggles. Some elders you know today struggled in the past and you would never know it today. We need to have patience because we know the backgrounds of some of the people. Industry doesn't have patience. It is money driven.
- Mining legislation is so old and is horribly outdated. The values of wildlife and fish have changed. The legislation needs to change to reflect the modern times, final agreements and values.

- The Board is interested in participating in the process and will provide input as the process moves on.
 - For example, Klondike Placer miners provided information on issues, ongoing activities, key contact people. The Board was encouraged to provide any information.
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YUKON FORUM UPDATE — J. Burdek, K. Taylor, G. Van Tighem

John Burdek provided an update. The recommendations have been reviewed by the Yukon Forum. The next step is to develop the implementation plan.

Copies of the Board's letter regarding Yukon Forum Review and recommendations; the Stratos recommendations; final report; and the CYFN resolution were included in meeting kits.

Comments/Discussion:

- Graham provided an overview of the working group members. There are 27 recommendations and the working group is working to develop an implementation plan. The plan will be presented at Yukon Forum in December.
 - A number of recommendations are within the purview of the Board and will outline how to address those recommendations. The Board's mandate is key to understanding how to move forward. The board is looking at policies and procedures to help clarify the mandate.
 - The plan is due the first week of December. The Board will receive copies of the implementation plan after the Yukon Forum.
 - The Board doesn't have resources to participate and will develop a budget and a letter for submission to the Forum in December 2019.
 - The Board can begin working on administrative issues such as: the term of the Chair; an in-camera policy; et cetera in December.
 - The Yukon Forum report is public and is on the Yukon government website. It was emailed to the Board and is included in the Board packages.
 - There will be a review of the YSSC and RRCs in the future.
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HEED PROGRAM UPDATE — J. Welsh

Jim Welsh provided an update on the HEED program including: courses; student training; rifle sighting clinic; firing range practice; field dressing workshop; contributions to community members (i.e. moose nose); Yukon outdoor women's monthly series; Dawson program; HEED program has been translated into French and will be delivered; outreach to Filipino community and communication; bison meeting in Haines Junction; partnerships and collaborations; and

lunch and learn series at McBride Museum. Jim delivered the 10-minute bear spray course for the Board. He encouraged to the Board to provide him with any messaging they would like presented at his various activities and demonstrations throughout the year.

Jim welcomed suggestions for instructors or courses.

Comments/Discussion:

- We have a declining moose population, increasing pressure and inexperienced hunters and fishers. People taking the HEED course are already going to hunt. Future generations are taking care of themselves in a different way from our generation. They already have conservation on their minds from kindergarten. The goal isn't to make new hunters. They are going hunting anyways. Jim encouraged Board members to attend the course.
- In the past, respect was taught at fish camp. Elders passed on knowledge and respect. Jim encouraged First Nations to attend community events. He has extended the invitation and CAFN was the only First Nation that sent someone. It is a good opportunity to educate an entire generation.
- In other provinces, they have hunter education training. In Yukon we also have ethics training in relation to some points raised by the Board (traditional ethics/respect).
- Hunter education conference of Canada — Hunters under the age of 17 has dropped off. It is important that we keep people on the land. Having people who value wildlife is important to have. Without land users no one is looking out for anything.
- The Board was invited to make a slide and exam questions for the HEED course.

MEMBERS TIME AND REVIEW — IN CAMERA

No minutes were recorded.