

Ddhaw Ghro Habitat Protection Area Steering Committee

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Java Connection, Whitehorse

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Danny Joe	Selkirk First Nation
Bob Kuiper	YTG Economic Development
Jocelyn McDowell	Notes

Introductions and General Discussion

CHAIR - rotating chair: agreed that hosting community should chair - today Bob Kuiper

MINUTES Suggestion that the minutes be brief, agenda plus action items only. A summary of key points and conclusions (especially if conclusions are not action items). Need tape recorder to check accuracy.

ALTERNATES Each party should provide Bruce with a list of Steering Committee (SC) members, alternates, and contact info for all. All members will get a copy of that list.

Discussion about the process, the agenda, how we get the work done, whether we are moving too fast. Decided to review the agenda first and discuss some of these issues in greater detail

AGENDA Need clear protocol for writing. Need adequate time to cover things properly. Joint project with 3 groups - responsibility of individuals to come to meetings and participate in correspondence.

- Write draft agenda at end of current meeting stemming from action items.
- A week in advance, Bruce (or secretariat) to fax draft agenda to all members.
- Members should give feedback by fax or e-mail for formalizing agenda.

Changes (deferrals and additions) to today's AGENDA

1. Review of minutes (include January 31 meeting notes and January 10 minutes)
2. Tombstone presentation. Defer until after lunch.

- First Nation and YTG have been through a planning process with Tombstone which was similar to this - a special management area as negotiated under agreement. Not a part of YPAS process.
 - Provisions may be different from this schedule don't want to generate confusion.
 - Process to learn how to involve public and community. Useful to see what worked. Even good to look at Fishing Branch, Horseshoe Slough. Learn something about the process.
3. Mineral assessment OK, Oil and gas - deferred for today
 4. Surficial geology - deferred
 5. Vegetation mapping - deferred
 6. Secretariat - add
 7. Extension of boundaries – add (see review of Jan 31 minutes)
 8. Steering Committee (SC) membership (contact information, alternates, etc.) - add

REVIEW OF MINUTES

January 10 minutes

Fire action zones (FAZ)

- Ethel Lake Caribou herd has key habitat (winter range) in SMA. Management plan should deal with FAZ. DIAND assumed MacArthur was a park, so didn't deal with it in fire management plan.
- Schedule A, references forest resources. Timber is valuable in SMA

ACTION: Mikolay to draft a letter to FR asking them to include DG in FAZ until management plan is written. Bruce will draft and circulate. If we require additional technical info, Bruce to invite technical people from Forest Resources after letter has been issued.

Creation of traplines in Ddhaw Ghro.

- Jessup could come and explain how the creation of new traplines would be done.
- History - Van Bibbers? This will come out of community meetings.
- What fur? Coyotes, foxes, beaver, martin.....
- Elders should give presentation on importance of the area.

January 31 notes (not an official meeting – no quorum)

Define public – SC meetings are open but not going to invite people. Interest groups should need invitation. no lobbyists at meetings...

Mineral claims, status of old claims

Extension of boundaries

- Schedule 4.5.2 says there is provision for one party to make request for extension.
- Would be a good idea to stop hunting of caribou around Big Kalzas.
- Would include rationale in such a request. Would serve notice that we are considering, but need data to make recommendation.
- Doesn't involve SC, but if one party wants it on the table, their government (premier, or Chief and Council) would have to make request in writing (to other

parties) that this be considered. The parties have 90 days to consider. 'Yes' would kick it into SC process.

- Who would make that request. Not YTG at this time.
- If area formally withdrawn from outfitter concession, then a compensation issue.
- There are alternatives to changing boundary but they outside of this discussion.

WORK PLAN

- **Changes to draft** – “governments and other groups” change to “SC members talk to colleagues, community members, etc.” Also add traditional knowledge / FN values to information list
- **Information requirements** - identify data gaps and additional field work required?
- **Create summer field plan.**
 - Either the SMA or LUP takes precedence depending on which is written first
 - DAP. i.e. in Horseshoe Slough plan, developments at Fraser Falls would have to consider DAP. If one party requests, plan would actually have to go to DAP...
 - **Community meetings.** Preparations for consultations in four communities (including Carmacks – **Carmacks should be invited to the next meeting**). First round should be before summer. Present to community, find out what interests are. First two weeks of May. Someone in the communities to bring out key elders, etc.
 - Have **resource people** come to Whitehorse SC meeting, contract someone to prepare posters, etc to take to meetings. SC can decide what expertise we need to take to the information sessions. Get feedback from the workshop
 1. Carmacks and Whitehorse – week 1
 2. Pelly and Mayo – week 2
- **Facilitator** Ideally want some continuity - same facilitator for each session. Beneficial to use two, may need help with translation. Want someone who understands process, and can draw people into informing whole process.
- YTG could pay for facilitator, but not necessarily transport for elders. Community can provide space, food, etc.
- **Preparation.**
 - list of issues - from minutes, schedule, Traditional Law workshop, community, SC members
 - map data (overlays) - easy to see
 - newsletter before workshop, information package. (see Tombstone publication)
 - binder in library?
 - Questionnaire from workshop or from facilitator at workshop...
 - community people and elders at workshop - bring this up with elders at Traditional Knowledge Workshop next week.

ACTION: Bruce to contact Doug and Albert to find out cost and availability.

ACTION: Bruce to make list of issues so far from minutes, etc. and to follow up on logistics concerns (facilities, etc.)

TOMBSTONE PRESENTATION Shelley Gellatley and Dawn Dixon fielded questions on the Tombstone Park Steering Committee planning process. Group asked to remember that DG has unique schedule and circumstances.

Covered the following:

- Public information sessions.
- Technical information.
- Nature of SC
- Role of Shelley and Tron dek H'wetch in planning
- Consensus definition
- Boundary versus Management plan
- Public consultation
- Steering Committee meetings
- Elders
- Documentation
- Challenges and Strengths
- Media
- Funding

MINERAL ASSESSMENT

Preliminary geology of the southeastern part of Ddhaw Ghro Special Management Area Anna Fonseca YTG Ec. Dev. Mineral Resources Branch .

1. 2000 fieldwork update
 2. existing geological database
 3. regional units and anticipated mineral potential
 4. anticipated products
- Report quite technical. How could we present this for community members in non-technical way?
 - Can we get these data points as arcview layers... if requested? Anna will ask
 - Keep us informed about your field season plans. Anna will let Bob know. We can call anytime. SC is welcome to visit camp in upcoming field season.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Summary and work plan. Mark O'Donoghue presented summary from technical surveys only. Pat's information not included. Identified gaps in sheep, caribou, moose and fish data.

1. Sheep – Did rut distribution in December. Need to find certain key habitats: lambing, late winter, mineral licks.
2. Caribou – Key habitats well known. Will reconfirm when we look at sheep.
3. Moose – Very little data. Will collect late winter when we do sheep. SFN funding a distribution survey too.
4. Fish - Not well known. Propose to look at Little Kalzas and Crystal Lakes this season with YTG

SECRETARIAT (and other roles) (Bruce as interim)

- YTG and SFN each allocating approximately 25k?

- YTG 25 K is part of slightly larger pot for SMA planning. Have it for next 2-3 years. Heritage has some funding of their own.
- Final Agreement *Implementation Plan* p.115? Need to further discuss cost of hiring secretariat or contract services. Budget on table at next meeting.
 - When SC goes to governments with recommendations we will want consensus.
 - Immediate need is to write terms of reference for workshop facilitator.

4 DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS

1. **Secretariat** - To handle logistics of meetings, minutes, agenda, etc; might have to contract it out, but needs to be consistent. Budget is an issue. OK the way it is, though could be smoother.
2. **Chairing** - Having each party taking a turn at chairing develops ownership.
3. **Professional aspect** – Need professional planning expertise for writing / crafting of plan. Availability may be an issue. Not possible to use SC member for the planning - need unbiased perspective. Continuity is important.
4. **Specific information** - hire people to fill information gaps. Some tasks naturally fall to particular faction. I e. elder research should be done by SFN / NND

NEXT MEETING April 4, 5 in Whitehorse. Today's deferred presentations will be held then. Convenient to have these people attend if meeting is held in Whitehorse.

ACTION ITEMS - NEXT MEETING - AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mikolay to draft a letter to FR asking them to include DG in FAZ until management plan is written. Bruce will draft and circulate to SC. If additional technical information required afterwards, Bruce to invite technical people from Forest Resources.
2. Bruce to revise January 31 notes re Extension of Boundaries...
3. Draft information packages for next meeting. (To be sent out by April 17).
4. Bruce will assemble and fax to SC, list of available presenters (based on issues identified so far). SC members should think about issues too. So far, heritage, vegetation, glacial history, land use and recreation, forestry, traditional knowledge.
5. Contract Workshop facilitator, terms of reference.
6. Bruce to investigate cost and availability of two suggested facilitators. Information faxed to SC. Will confirm facilitator prior to April 4 meeting.
7. Plan logistics for workshop in May. Detailed agenda for that consultation.
8. Each party should provide Bruce with a list of who SC members are, who alternates are and contact information for all. All members will get a copy of that list.
9. Explore budget for planning process
10. Agenda