

Ddhaw Ghro Habitat Protection Area Management Plan
Minutes of January 31, 2001 at the YTG Meeting Room in Mayo, Yukon

Present:	Steven Buyck	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Rep.
	Mikolay Peter	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Rep.
	Pat Van Bibber	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Elder Rep.
	Tommy Moses	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Elder Rep.
	Mark O'Donoghue	YTG Renewable Resources
	Bruce McLean	YTG Renewable Resources
	Bob Kuiper	YTG Economic Development
	Helen Buyck	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Member
	Christine Hager	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Member
	John Peter	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Member
	Charlie Jimmy	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Member
	Bernice Catcheside	F. N. of Nacho Nyäk Dun Member
	Carolyn Van Bibber	Minute Taker

Opening Prayer: Helen Buyck

Chairperson: Bruce McLean

Introductions were made around the table. Representatives from the Selkirk First Nation were unable to attend, so it was agreed to hold an information session, but postpone any decisions until the next meeting.

Explanation by steering committee to the attendees on the committee's mandate and how they would gather information from the communities involved. The proposed agenda was reviewed. This is the third meeting of the committee and the process may take two or three years before the plan is completed and approved. The committee will recommend a management plan, however YTG, and the Selkirk and Nacho Nyäk Dun First Nations must approve the final plan. Ddhaw Ghro and Horseshoe Slough will be designated habitat protection areas.

1. Review of draft minutes from January 10, 2001

Discussion held on Jim McDonald having mineral claims in the McArthur Mountains. **Bruce** will ask Mineral Resources to look into whether or not the claims existed. There were no concerns regarding the minutes.

Bruce reviewed the information that he compiled regarding upcoming surveys etc. Ruth Gotthardt will be revealing her information from Elder interviews she did last summer at the McArthur Hot Springs. Discussion held on boundary expansion. It had previously been agreed that this process was separate from YPAS and there was currently no interest from the parties in changing the boundary.

2. Presentation of Wildlife Information

Mark O'Donoghue gave a presentation on previous surveys conducted on wildlife in the McArthur range. A winter range sheep survey in November, 2000 was the most recent. Local people that know the McArthur range will be interviewed to gather accurate information. The information at this time is mostly technical. This steering committee will work on protecting the wildlife population in the McArthur range. There is a report on the "Ethel Lake Caribou Herd" if anyone is interested in reading it, they can get it from Mark. Christine Hager was concerned that YTG was taking the same people on all the surveys and she wants them to take young people from Mayo. Mark explained that Pat Van Bibber was taken on the McArthur surveys because of the invaluable information he can provide because of his accurate knowledge of the area. Information and maps about sheep, moose and caribou were summarized.

3. Discussion of Wildlife Objective.

The Steering Committee discussed what type of information would be required on wildlife to make recommendations regarding management. Current wildlife information is limited. At a minimum it was felt that a survey to document sheep winter range, lambing areas and rutting areas would be worthwhile. Surveys for moose and caribou were planned in the area as part of on going studies. These surveys would be extended to include the Ddhaw Ghro HPA. Surveys of fish in Little Kalzas and Crystal Lakes will be scheduled during the next year, if possible.

4. Review of Draft Work Plan.

Bob Kuiper reviewed in detail a tentative work plan for the committee.

January:

- Make detailed information list.
- Work Plan.
- Steering Committee "Terms of Reference".
- Review wildlife information.

February:

- Review information on:
 - Vegetation.
 - Minerals/Oil & Gas.
 - Heritage.
 - Protected Area Values.
 - Land Use/Recreation.
 - Others?/data gaps.
- Get input/advice from Tombstone Steering Committee.
- Initial ideas on ISSUES. (Likely March/April)
- Start Workshop/Consultation Plans.
- Invite Land Use Planning to present.

Move
some of
these
items to
March.

March:

- Identify initial list of issues from Governments and other groups.
- Identify data gaps and fieldwork needs.
- Workshop/Consultation preparation.
- Newsletters.

April:

- Public Consultation and Workshops.
 - Mayo, Pelly, Whitehorse.
- Review progress and information to date.
- Seek input on:
 - Information.
 - Concerns and interests.
 - Management issues.

May:

- Consultation report.
- Summer work plan.

It was acknowledged that this timeframe was tentative and would likely change as we go through the process.

5. Suggestions for Public Consultation, Communications Plan, Mailing/Contact List.

Consultation Ideas:

- Public Steering Committee Meetings.
- Newsletters.
- Workshops in Mayo, Pelly, Whitehorse.
 - Meetings with stakeholders.
 - Meetings with First Nations/Renewable Resources/others?
- One on one meetings with Elders?
- Other methods ?
- Consultation reports.

6. Confirm proposed February 22nd Meeting in Whitehorse.

Bruce will confirm and arrange the February meeting. **It will be in Whitehorse at 9 a.m. at the Whitehorse Airport meeting room.** It was suggested that Elders from each committee attend the February meeting in Whitehorse. Steven will approach Chief and Council on funding for the Elders to attend. Helen Buyck suggested that the steering committee meet with Chief and Council and younger people.