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From: Rod.Hill
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2002 1:26 PM
To: Jo-Anne.van Randen; Robert.Stroshein; Roger.Hulstein
Subject: Ddhaw Ghro - Mineral Assessments for SMAs

Please look at the note following, because it will probably come up for discussion at Thursday's meeting. The problem seems to be that Anna told the Ddhaw Ghro Steering Committee that the results of the mineral assessment would not be published, yet they were published in the YEG. The Steering Committee got really upset about that, and accused the government of renegeing on its promises.

I agreed to the bulleted points because they seemed reasonable. Whatever is agreed to for Ddhaw Ghro will probably set a precedent for how we deal with information for other SMAs when there is a Steering Committee in place developing a management plan (shouldn't affect our work this summer because there are no other Steering Committees in place).

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From: Bob.Kulper
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2002 11:57 AM
To: Bruce.McLean; Mark.ODonoghue; Karen.Clyde
Cc: Rod.Hill; Shirley.Abercrombie
Subject: DG

Hello All:

Shirley Abercrombie, Rod Hill and I met last week to discuss the DG situation as it relates to Mineral Assessments and Ddhaw Ghro. Briefly, our discussion covered the following:

1) The December 2001 Steering Committee meeting transcript shows that Anna stated that the mineral potential map would not be published in the yearly geological report. Yet, the map was included in the annual YEG report published January 2002.

EMR does not have any defensible explanation as to why this happened. Anna left the department a short while later, so she was not available to explain, and her supervisor was not aware that she had told the SC that the map would not be published in the yearly report.

EMR feels that the best response to this situation is to acknowledge that it was inappropriate to publish the information, state that it was a mistake, and apologize. We should also make the commitment to take steps to ensure this doesn't happen again (as per Minister's response) and put written guidelines in place for the collection and publication of information related to the plan.

These guidelines should be initially developed in cooperation with all YTG departments (it would be best if they would apply to all categories of information, not only minerals) and preferably, would apply to all parties to the DG planning process (FNs too).

We agreed that the following guidelines would be a reasonable starting point for discussion, and something that the minerals folks could live with:

- Field research plans would be discussed with the SC beforehand.
- SC members and communities will be contacted ahead of time to confirm when and where field work will be undertaken.
- Field work results will be presented and transmitted to the SC for their use in the planning process.
- While the planning process is still in progress, any further "proactive" distribution or publication of the field

work results will be at the discretion of the SC, within certain guidelines to ensure fairness. In the event of specific requests from the public for information, information will be made available in accordance with relevant YTG access to information legislation.

- Once the plan is completed and approved, gov't retains the right to distribute and publish the material in any way it sees fit.

In terms of communicating the above to the First Nations (ie: acknowledge our mistake re: the publication in the YEG, apologize, and flag the need for guidelines) we felt it was best to do this in person at the Minister's meeting, rather than putting it in writing before hand.

2) We need to make sure that the Ministers are adequately briefed on the above issues before they meet with SFN and NND. We should probably start putting some briefing notes together asap and arrange for a briefing. I can take the initiative to put some initial notes together.

3) We should find out the status of the Minister's letter. Has it gone out yet? Who will be making arrangements for the meeting?

Bruce: any word yet on the timing for the letter, meeting or briefing?

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Thanks

Bob