

# Porcupine Caribou Management Board Meeting Minutes

February 2-4, 2007  
Whitehorse, Yukon

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## **IN ATTENDANCE**

### **Members**

Joe Tetlich, Chair  
Georgie Moses, Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation  
Sonny Blake, Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Steve Buyck, First Nation of Na-cho Ny'ak Dun  
Steve Taylor, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in  
Ron Morrison, Government of Northwest Territories  
Doug Larsen, Government of Yukon  
Ian McDonald, Government of Canada (teleconference)  
Dorothy Cooley, Government of Yukon (Alternate)

Deana Lemke, Secretariat

### **Regrets**

Donald Aviugana, Inuvialuit Game Council

### **Presenters**

Hon. Dennis Fentie, Yukon Minister of Environment  
Torrie Hunter, Department of Environment, Government of Yukon  
Wendy Nixon, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada  
Graham Van Tieghem, Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board  
Greg Charlie, Northern Cross (consultant)  
Corey Fernets, Northern Cross  
Lindsay Staples, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)  
Stewart Breithaupt, Yukon Fish and Game Association  
Shawn Francis, North Yukon Planning Commission

**Friday, February 2, 2007**

**Opening and Welcome**

Joe Tetlich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., and he welcomed attendees. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Sonny Blake.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved, with the following additions:

- Process of dealing with oil and gas development submissions in the range of herd and how the Board will respond.

**Motion**

*It was moved that the agenda be accepted as amended.*

**Moved by Ron Morrison  
Seconded by Steve Taylor  
Carried**

**Approve Minutes**

The Minutes of the November 4 and 5, 2006, meeting minutes were approved, as amended. Page 6 erroneously stated that the Bluenose West herd count is currently at 1,800; this figure should be corrected to read 18,000.

The Minutes of the December 18, 2006, teleconference meeting minutes were approved as distributed. The Action Items were reviewed and the progress and status of each was discussed.

**Motion**

*It was moved that the Minutes of the Board meeting held on November 4 and 5, 2006, be approved, as amended.*

**Moved by Doug Larsen  
Seconded by Sonny Blake  
Carried**

**Motion**

*It was moved that the Minutes of the Board meeting held on December 18, 2006, be approved.*

**Moved by Ron Morrison  
Seconded by Steve Buyck  
Carried**

## **Chair's Report – Joe Tetlich**

The Chair reported on PCMB activities. Many meetings have taken place. The Chair was invited to the Regional RRC meeting, but he was unable to attend. The Chair did attend the GNWT Caribou Summit in Inuvik last week. He also attended a meeting in Old Crow to discuss Northern Cross oil and gas developments. He attended a meeting to update community members in Old Crow about the HMS; Georgie Moses also attended. The Chair met with Hugh Monaghan, consultant for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, which is concerned about the increased hunting pressure on Porcupine Caribou Herd and the issue of over-harvesting. VGFN wants to take the lead role to organize and host a summit in Old Crow dealing with the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

The Chair noted that he is willing and able to attend meetings on behalf of the PCMB but he wants to make sure this effort is cost effective.

## **Administrative and Financial Report – Deana Lemke**

Deana Lemke presented information and highlights of recent PCMB activity (as attached).

## **Dempster Hunting Summary — Torrie Hunter**

Torrie Hunter, Yukon Department of Environment's Manager of Field Operations, was invited by the Board to discuss his summary of last year's hunting activities on Dempster Highway.

## **Herd Update — Wendy Nixon**

Wendy Nixon provided a herd update. Doug Larsen suggested that the PCTC explore some of the less preferred methods of estimating population. Wendy Nixon agreed to provide more detailed information to Deana for the Board.

***Action 07-01: Wendy to provide more detailed information about methods for population estimates to Deana to distribute to the Board.***

The CircumArctic Rangifer Monitoring and Assessment (CARMA) is starting to put together a manual for population and demographic monitoring of caribou.

## **Premier and Minister of Environment Dennis Fentie**

The Minister was in attendance at the meeting and made a presentation to the Board. He related that there were discussions prior to December regarding matters that relate to the Porcupine Caribou Herd and initiatives that the government would like to move forward with. The government is placing a priority on the work of the PCMB. An important area is monitoring and updating the government's wildlife database, including information on the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The impacts on climate change, predation, etc. need to be understood with the goal of preservation and conservation of the herd in

mind. The government would like the development of a Harvest Management Strategy for the Porcupine Caribou Herd to proceed.

The Minister has had discussions with the new governor of Alaska and has voiced the Canadian position with respect to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. What is happening in Washington will have an impact on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; it is not Alaska's decision to make alone. Government of Yukon would like to engage with Alaska on discussions that are broader than just the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and centered around the protection and conservation of the herd. The Premier openly invited the governor and administration to cooperate. The Premier sees Alaska's involvement as very important, because the herd crosses many borders.

The Premier noted that the Board should be comforted that the Yukon government and Department of Environment will work very closely with the PCMB in its ongoing work with the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Board members raised some concerns with the Minister.

Sonny Blake said the PCMB is seeking increased funding from governments. Is Government of Yukon willing to increase funding? Premier Fentie replied that he can't commit specific dollar amounts to something because he must go through a budget cycle. The government understands the pressures here, and if the government is genuine in its efforts for the PCMB to do its work, it needs to look at core funding and other funding issues. The Minister said he is conscious of the Board's challenges and will work to address those challenges of the Board.

Steve Buyck inquired about the government's position regarding development on the Dempster Highway versus protecting the caribou habitat, and what is the government's position regarding the Protected Areas Strategy. The Minister said there will always be issues to address should development occur in certain areas. Government of Yukon's stance on Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is clear. Old Crow Flats is now under protection, and the majority of that area has permanent protection. The government will follow the course set out under land claims agreements and the UFA. The department will continue to come forward on all areas of its obligation under the UFA. That is not to say that in going forward that other important land bases are not addressed with some form of land management and protection.

## **Herd Update — Dorothy Cooley**

Dorothy Cooley provided a herd update for the board (attached), including a discussion about the importance of adult mortality studies. An adult mortality study can help to get a sense of trends in the herd, especially in the absence of population estimates from a census.

She explained that numbers from adult mortality studies should not be compared with numbers from the photocensuses. The same photocensuses have been conducted since 1972, so we can tell the trends since that time based on those studies. One can never

tell where the entire herd is. There are just over 100 caribou fitted with collars, and that helps to find the majority of the herd.

Dorothy said that whatever is driving calf survival is different than what is driving cow survival. Calf weights are going down; they aren't putting weight on in the summer. This phenomenon is something that is going on across western North America. There have been predators on the calving grounds. The coastal plain is important because there is a low number of predators there.

John Ryder (NYPC) asked whether there are enough caribou fitted with collars. Dorothy replied that the number of satellite collars on caribou is so low, that there are just not enough samples.

## **Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board — Graham Van Tiegham**

The YFWMB was invited to talk about their board's regulation change cycle, and Graham Van Tiegham gave a presentation. Dan McDiarmid, the Chair, and Georgina Sydney, the Vice-Chair, were also in attendance.

FWMB undertakes the regulation change process usually every year. The Board only missed a regulation change cycle once due to special circumstances. The process is somewhat complicated. Proposals for regulation changes received from the RRCs. The Screening Committee, usually comprised of six board members, meets in August/September and decides which regulation changes would be substantial and which would be administrative. This year the YFWMB consulted with the public on 12 regulation change proposals. One related to the PCMB. In the end, the board sends a recommendation to the Minister. The FWMB is bound to a confidentiality agreement with the Minister. The PCMB is not bound by the same confidentiality clause.

In response to a Board member's question regarding whether it is FWMB's job to make sure RRCs make recommendations based on community feedback from First Nations, elders council, youth council, etc., Dan McDiarmid replied: Yes, and no. He added that yes, it is the FWMB's responsibility to see that consultation is done when the recommendation comes to them. However, there is not adequate financial ability or manpower to go to each community to ensure that is done.

FWMB has experienced a 50-percent turnover in board membership over the past year, so it has taken a neutral step for a while to get those six members caught up and make them feel they are part of the board. Some meetings are scheduled with the Minister to discuss a view and direction that the Yukon wants to go in, to guide the board in that direction.

The FWMB would like to see the board members attending each other's meetings and keeping closer contact.

**Action 07-02:        *PCMB to work with FWMB to outline a process of working together, agreeing to confidentiality.***

Georgina Sydney added that we all need to work together to let political people know what is going on, on the land. We have traditional knowledge carriers, and we need to get traditional knowledge to where decisions are made. It's good to get information from scientists, but we really need to talk with our elders.

## **Northern Cross Dempster Project — Greg Charlie and Corey Fernets**

Northern Cross was invited to attend the meeting to discuss their activities in the Eagle Plains area. Greg Charlie is a consultant contracted to assist with the Northern Cross application process. Corey Fernets is with Access Consulting, also assisting with the application.

Northern Cross's application to YESAB is a request to do a resource assessment on their wells in the Eagle Plains (Chance) area. That assessment requires proceeding with an application under YESAA, to test all three wells, to try to get the wells flowing and to thus determine how much resource is there and whether it is economically viable for to go into production.

Northern Cross is still working with the YESAB and the assessor to finalize its permits, and they're hoping to have that done in the next few weeks or so. The intent is to deploy a service rig, swab unit and some tanks on site to start flowing the wells. The company intends to extract oil and go into production to have a diesel product in Yukon in the future.

The project requires Northern Cross to build a winter road base this winter. Members of the general public and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation expressed a concern about hunters using the road during a meeting in Old Crow recently. The company is supporting controlled access to this site, so hunters won't use that access road. The important thing is that because of devolution in the Yukon, an OIC will likely be required for Northern Cross to get control of the road to ensure there is no access on road.

Northern Cross wants to eventually build an all-weather road, subject to the resource assessment. They want to do an environmental assessment and do preliminary work to allow them to do work on a year-round basis.

A future seismic program could potentially be required around where the wellheads are currently. In the future, if the company goes into production, they'll want to build a fuel processing plant there to make diesel and heating fuel for the Yukon market.

Northern Cross is working on mitigation of risk. Conditions were put in the YESAB application, i.e., for oil spills, having a wildlife monitor on board from Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (the company is working with First Nation on that), making sure that when there are caribou in the range they try to eliminate a lot of disturbance for caribou and other wildlife.

A question and answer session followed.

Steve Taylor: In applying for regulatory permits, does the North Yukon regional land-use plan come into play in these deliberations?

Greg Charlie: David Thomson, the president, has had some discussions with the NYPC and Shawn Francis. Based on their draft plans for the North Yukon on the Dempster Highway, they identify that area as a development area. In terms of the regulators, without the NY land-use plan finalized, they never said they require that first, prior to permits being issued. My understanding is that wasn't necessary. The company participated in the plan's development.

Road construction for this project is 21 km. It would be done this winter, if they get that permit. It will take 60 to 90 days to do the full resource assessment. It would need to be out by mid-March. It would be strictly a winter road this year.

Corey Fernets: Seven potential quarry sites were identified, but not all will be used. Probably only three will be used. There are already pits, used by YTG, where the aggregate should be available.

Greg Charlie: The company doesn't want to make more road access to get the gravel. There was also a request to do a permafrost study. The road was built in the 1950-60s, and it doesn't cross any water bodies. It is on the height of land all the way. It is 10 kms as the crow flies from the Dempster Highway to the wellsite. There was a trapline there, belonging to Charlie Abel, adjacent to the site.

Steve Buyck: Will you have time for the assessment work this winter/spring? Is there reasonable time to do the winter assessment?

Greg Charlie: The assessor extended the deadline and requested more information from the proponent. That does put us later in the process. We're hoping that within a week the company will satisfy the majority of his questions. Within next couple weeks we are hoping that we will have a permit.

Doug Larsen: One of the biggest concerns is access. How do you plan on restricting access on the all-weather road?

Greg Charlie: We could request an OIC to permit a locked gate. VGFN indicated they are willing to facilitate the process.

Doug Larsen: That doesn't really work in the Yukon. People can just go around.

Greg Charlie: They can go in by skidoo now anyhow, or walking. We can stop vehicles from entering into site.

Sonny Blake: Fort McPherson citizens should have been consulted, as this is a secondary use area by the Gwich'in. There is a concern about the quarries, because the application says it's in six areas. Did you request an archaeological assessment?

Greg Charlie: When we submitted the application there is a check box. We were strictly in Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation traditional territory. We checked with lands branch to find out – to make sure we consult with all affected First Nations – and concluded that Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation was the only one that we needed to check off. We will double check on that again.

Corey Fernets: As for the archaeological study, there were concerns about an all-weather road. We found that it was a road already there. The other concern was the access to two additional pits, and we plan on using pits already utilized so as to not disturb any archaeological or traditional interests in those areas. We are trying to alleviate the concerns with the information coming down.

Ron Morrison: Is there any idea of what size the reservoirs are? What size of disturbance are we looking at?

Corey Fernets: There are three different well sites, J19 is estimated to contain 869 million barrels; M8 is estimated to contain 3,017 barrels; and G8 is estimated to contain 176 million barrels.

Steve Taylor: What impact would this project have on Porcupine Caribou Herd?

Greg Charlie: Obviously, there will be an impact. Building an all-weather road will help get the work done and to do it when the caribou may not be around. There is going to be an impact, regardless, if you disturb the area. To quantify the impact, you would need to monitor. The company will do its best to minimize the impact, working with the monitors, etc.

Joe Tetlichi: What are monitors really there for? If caribou are in the Chance Creek area next year, how much power do the monitors have? Can they tell the company to not do it because the caribou are there?

Greg Charlie: That's a good question. It will need to be determined by the Government of Yukon, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the company. There may be ideas about how to control that, but there is work required for that. My understanding is that work will happen.

## **Caribou Summit Update – Ron Morrison**

Ron Morrison reported on the Caribou Summit, held in Inuvik on January 23, 24 and 25. ENR developed a Barren-ground Caribou Management Strategy, entitled *Caribou Forever: Our heritage, our responsibility*.

A couple weeks ago, the department hosted a high-level Caribou Summit, which was a success. Many action items arose and were prioritized. A report will be drafted that will guide the NWT on how they will strategize on moving forward with management of the caribou.

Joe provided two presentations at the Summit, one on the co-management board and one on the Harvest Management Strategy.

### **Discussion about media and board messages**

The board discussed media training and determined that it would be beneficial for Joe and Deana to take media relations training in the near future. This would be especially helpful to deal with communications and media inquiries regarding the HMS and other Board activities.

***Action 07-03: Chair and Secretariat will attend media training at the next opportunity.***

## **Saturday, February 3, 2007**

### **Public Meeting/Discussion**

Joe Tetlichy welcomed everyone to the meeting. He provided overview of the board, its membership and mandate. He described the Harvest Management Strategy. He talked about the caribou census and consultation with FWMB and PCMB about the Hart River Herd. The PCMB has a good reputation for being an open, public board. He described the herd's population, recovery, and managing harvest.

The Board received questions and concerns from the participants.

- Darius Elias inquired about legislative authority of the board. PCMB is advisory body and thus doesn't make final decisions, but it makes recommendations to the Ministers.
- Commercialization was raised as an issue to consider.
- There was an inquiry about the database that the Minister was talking about; what is the database? Doug Larsen replied that it goes beyond Porcupine Caribou Herd data. Generally, there is a need within government and Department of Environment to have data available and accessible. There is a need for exchange and better data management in the future.

## **WMAC(NS) — Lindsay Staples**

Lindsay Staples was invited to make a presentation to the Board to update the Board on WMAC(NS) activities.

Lindsay Staples sent a letter to the PCMB in the fall committing support for the PCMB. It was also discussed at the recent WMAC meeting. WMAC (NS) and the WMAC (NWT), GRRB, etc., can play a proactive role. The PCMB can engage them in work. It would be good for PCMB to come to WMAC (NS) meetings and provide proactive input.

Implementation of the Harvest Management Strategy was discussed. When working on a management strategy and its implementation, then the strategy will be very challenging to implement. It is important to get people on board – co-management bodies can play a role for PCMB to build the constituency support that will be important when making recommendations on the strategy.

The Board should also be thinking about documenting the traditional knowledge related to this herd. This can be an expensive proposition, but the PCMB can look to other co-management bodies to do that work. WMAC has good experience with traditional knowledge studies. PCMB could also work with them on a study based on interviews with key people to put something together in that portion of the range.

WMAC looks to the PCMB to manage in the range of herd, but WMAC certainly has interest in the herd in the North Slope. There can be more in-kind support such as sponsoring a meeting, working up a set of issues in a specific region on the PCMB's behalf – all kinds of possibilities. PCMB is not in this alone; there is support from WMAC to do the work PCMB wants to do. There is also interest from WMAC(NWT) to assist. Traditional knowledge is critical, and PCMB needs to figure out how to proceed with utilizing it.

## **Yukon Fish and Game Association — Stewart Breithaupt**

Stewart Breithaupt attended the meeting on behalf of the association to update the Board on the association's activities and concerns. He noted that the YFGA appreciated Doug Larsen's attending the recent FGA board meeting to represent PCMB. The PCMB School Program manual is very valuable, but some information is dated. There needs to be meaningful involvement with communities. The Board can't forget about the spiritual aspect to harvesting.

## **Harvest Management Strategy**

The Board discussed the Harvest Management Strategy. A letter had been sent out in December to the user communities with the Protocol attached. The deadline was January 15. Two organizations requested an extension to deadline, which was granted to February 2. IGC submitted a letter stating they don't think a working group needs to be struck.

**Action 07-04:**      ***Ron Morrison to work with Deana on response letter to IGC's letter stating they don't think a working group needs to be struck.***

There was discussion about hiring a facilitator.

**Motion:**

***It was moved that Doug Urquhart be hired as facilitator for development of the Harvest Management Strategy.***

**Moved by Ron Morrison  
Seconded by Sonny Blake  
Carried by consensus.**

**Action 07-05:**      ***Secretariat will put discussion about hiring policy on the agenda at an upcoming board meeting.***

The Board also discussed timing of the workshop. Board members all have priorities in their communities, and the workshop will be a challenge because of conflicts with other priorities; however, the Board needs to move forward with setting the dates for the workshop with two representatives from each organization.

The Board discussed how the HMS subcommittee should relate to the Board.

- The subcommittee members are foot soldiers for doing what the Board asks (gather information).
- Recommendations/options come forward to the Board. Subcommittee reports to the Board, and the Board makes decisions (e-mails, teleconferences, etc.).
- The subcommittee was struck by resolution by the Board (brief terms of reference, timelines).

The Board discussed the HMS working group.

- All organizations listed in the protocol agreement make up the working group.
- The protocol is to be signed by governments, organizations that have legislative authority/ability for members.
- Working group will be comprised of representatives of all organizations who have an interest in the management of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.
- Representatives are expected to pay their own costs (in-kind) where possible. There will be a provision in our budget, if required.

The Board discussed who makes the logistical decisions/workshop plans: Deana and the consultant.

The Board discussed the workshop.

- People have to decide what the priority is. There are conflicting priorities no matter when the workshop will be held.
- The workshop requires commitment of two individuals from each organization.

- Letter of invitation will go out to communities/user groups (Ron to assist with wording). Timelines will be proposed in the invitation letter.
- Workshop will be scheduled for week of May 14.
- Invite two or three elders (traditional knowledge component of information session) (Old Crow, McPherson, Inuvik).

**Action 07-06:**        ***Deana/Ron to draft letter of invitation to communities and user groups to attend the HMS workshop.***

**Action 07-07:**        ***Deana/Joe to invite two or three elders to attend the Workshop.***

The Board discussed whether the working group needs to meet prior to the workshop in Inuvik.

- They will meet following the workshop.
- There needs to be initial contact with consultant prior to workshop.

**Action 07-08:**        ***Preliminary information needs to be distributed prior to the workshop as follows:***

- ***Develop information binder to distribute to organizations (PPTs) – technical information, harvest information (and lack thereof) and other background material (Dorothy and Deana to compile information)***
- ***Posters will be developed and sent to community organizations (Ron, Dorothy, Deana)***
- ***Dorothy to draft outline of information to be included and Deana will provide to HMS Consultant for review***
- ***Dorothy to tour Yukon communities***
- ***Ron/Sonny to provide information at local meetings where possible***
- ***Planners from Government of Yukon and Government of Northwest Territories can assist Deana to organize workshop***

The Board discussed scheduling an additional day-long workshop for technical information review. Possibly a session at a meet and greet and/or preliminary to the workshop would be appropriate.

The Board discussed the media communications/process:

- Joe is the spokesperson for PCMB during workshop.
- Prepare written, point-form summary of main points (provide to media, where appropriate).
- No media will be permitted at workshop (except by arrangement, briefings, press conferences).
- Deana will deal with regular communications.
- Deana will develop a communications plan for review by the subcommittee.

**Action 07-09:**        *Deana/Joe to prepare a written, point-form summary of main points of HMS to refer to and provide in part to media where appropriate.*

**Action 07-10:**        *Deana to develop a communications plan for review by the subcommittee.*

Timelines/targets were identified:

- Consultant to meet with PCMB (teleconference) end of April.
- Workshop in Inuvik week of May 14.
- Develop draft HMP by June.
- Census in July.
- Input on draft HMP in July.
- PCMB meeting in July/August in Old Crow.
- Finalize HMP by August (maybe include a celebration feast).
- HMA workshop in Old Crow in September or October to prepare first draft of HMA.
- Redraft/finalize HMA October.
- Propose timelines in invitation letter.

Plan to implement action items

- Consultant to work implementation of action items into HMP.
- Board to monitor action items and press responsible parties to take action.

Information needed:

- Community needs level.
- Determine paramountcy of PCMA over other agreements (clear understanding).
- Trade and barter guidelines (address issue of commercialization).
- Eligibility lists (beneficiary lists).
- Traditional knowledge collation (ask communities to bring traditional knowledge).
- Harvest model (Dorothy, PCTC) showing impacts of various harvest regimes.
- Population estimate clarification.

## **Trade and Barter Guidelines**

The Board discussed that trade and barter guidelines will be helpful. The idea of stopping sale of meat came out at an issue at both caribou summits.

Sonny Blake made some points from the Gwich'in Agreement, which notes they can trade and barter, but not sell, for purposes of traditional sharing.

There had been a suggestion to work with the RRCs, HTC's to coordinate, administer and identify the hunters and the ones in need. Then there would not be overcharging.

**Action 07-11:**        ***Ron and Ian to work on putting together wording and a package about sale, barter and trade issues and present that information to the rest of the subcommittee.***

## **Eligibility Lists**

It is part of the Board's mandate to get lists from communities. The Board needs this information in order to manage the herd.

Dorothy Cooley reminded the Board that the Agreement was pre-land claims. Over the years, the Board has discussed that possibly all that is required is to get beneficiary lists.

**Action 07-12:**        ***Joe/Deana to draft letter to user communities requesting beneficiary lists.***

**Sunday, February 4, 2007**

## **Opening**

The Board reviewed the previous day's discussion and the day's agenda.

## **North Yukon Land Use Planning Commission — Shawn Francis**

Shawn Francis, Dave Brekke, Dennis Frost, Shirley Frost (Chair), John Ryder, Kathleen Zimmer, and Marvin Frost attended on behalf of the North Yukon Land Use Planning Commission. Shawn Francis gave a presentation to the Board about the importance of the NYLUPC and the PCMB working together.

The NYLUPC sees working with PCMB in regard to the herd as one of the primary things it is doing. The Commission has tried to keep the Board up to date as it moves forward. The Commission now has some firm draft plan concepts formulated, and it is in the process of fine tuning some of those. The Commission will bounce some ideas off the PCMB.

Draft plan concepts include: sustainable development; results-based management framework (setting objectives, indicators and thresholds/targets); landscape management units (13 units in the area); land use zones; integrated management area (risk-based conservation); major recommendations (protected area for Whitefish Wetlands, and maintaining North Yukon Interim Land Withdrawal now).

Next steps include:

- Technical documents (resources and land-use modeling) – coming months
- Draft land-use plan, May 2007
- Consultation May and June 2007
- Recommended land use plan by August 2007

Concerns were raised that there is no land use plan in place but the Northern Cross project going forward.

## **Northern Cross application to YESAB**

The Board discussed its submission to YESAB on the Northern Cross application.

- Proponent should be cognizant that this is the wintering range of the caribou and take a higher level of care to minimize any impacts on caribou or its habitat
- Deana and Dorothy to draft letters to YESAB and to North Yukon Planning commission re the board's position.

***Action 07-13: Deana/Dorothy to draft letters to YESAB and to NYPC about Board's position re the Northern Cross projects.***

## **Satellite Collar Project**

The Board discussed the Satellite Collar Project website. Hunters enjoy an advantage by consulting the website to find caribou locations.

***Action 07-14: Deana to draft letter for Board to request Dorothy to remove that exact caribou locations from the Satellite Collar Project website. The decision can be reconsidered when herd's population is at a healthy number.***

## **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Board set the next meeting date for July 24-26, to be held on the land near Old Crow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m., and a closing prayer was offered.