

Porcupine Caribou Management Board Minutes of Meeting

February 11, 2013
Inuvik, NT

In attendance

Members/Staff

Joe Tetlich, Chair
Kelly Milner, Government of Yukon
Wilbert Firth, Gwich'in Tribal Council
Steven Buyck, Nacho Ny'ak Dun
Billy Storr, Inuvialuit Game Council
Lance Nagwan, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
Marsha Branigan, Government of the Northwest Territories
Molly Kirk, Government of Canada (Alternate)
Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Alternate)

Jimmy Johnny, Nacho Ny'ak Dun (Alternate)
Deana Lemke, Executive Director

Mike Sutor, Government of Yukon Regional Biologist

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Chair, Joe Tetlich, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those in attendance from the community. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Steve Taylor who sadly passed away in January.

Jimmy Johnny offered an opening prayer. All participants introduced themselves.

Review Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed by the Board and approved.

Motion to accept agenda
Moved by Kelly Milner
Seconded by Steven Buyck
Carried

Review Minutes and Action Items

The Minutes of the December 17 and 18, 2012 meeting were approved by the Board and the action items were reviewed and discussed.

Motion to accept Minutes of the December 17 and 18, 2012 meeting as distributed

Moved by Wilbert Firth

Seconded by Kelly Milner

Carried

The action items were reviewed and discussed.

Chair's Report

Joe Tetlich advised of his recent activities and meetings he participated in, presenting information related to the Board, co-management and the Harvest Management Plan. He attended the Bathurst Caribou Regional Gathering in Behchoko, NT on January 29-31. He also attended the funeral service for the late Steve Taylor in January.

Administrative and Financial Report

The Executive Director provided an administrative and financial report. The variance report was reviewed.

- Significant focus working on AHM planning.
- An MOU was drafted outlining the understanding between the PCMB and the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board regarding proposing regulatory changes to the *Wildlife Act*. YFWMB reviewed the draft document and provided comments. PCMB members will review the draft and provide comments.
- A draft brochure "Dempster Best Practices for Caribou Hunters on Snow-machines" was distributed for review and comment.

Action 2013-01: Board members will review the draft MOU between the PCMB and YFWMB regarding consultation and making recommendations on regulatory changes, and make comments by March 4, 2013.

Action 2013-02: Board members will review the draft "Dempster Best Practices for Caribou Hunters on Snow-machines" brochure and provide comments by March 4, 2013.

The budget for 2013-14 was reviewed and approved as proposed.

Motion to approve the 2013-14 budget as proposed, contingent on funding allocation as identified.

Moved by Kelly Milner

Seconded by Billy Storr

Carried

Peel Watershed Plan

The Board has been invited to provide comments on the Peel Watershed Plan that is currently out for public consultation by the Government of Yukon. The deadline for comment is February 25, 2013. The Board reviewed the draft response distributed and finalized its submission.

Hunter Education Package

A draft Hunter Education Package was provided to members for review and comment. It will be finalized by Mike Sutor in the coming weeks and a contractor will be hired to lay it out, after which it will be brought back to the Board for feedback.

Action 2013-03: Board members will review the draft Hunter Education Package as distributed and make comments by February 21, 2013.

Dempster Regulations

The draft Dempster Highway regulatory recommendations letter was reviewed and amended, as discussed. The final recommendations will be sent to the territorial government Ministers, copies to all other Parties.

Harvest Management Plan

On December 21 Parties and stakeholders were sent an invitation letter and background information regarding the Annual Harvest Meeting scheduled for February 12-14, 2013 in Inuvik.

The Board reviewed the process and expectations for the AHM. Following the meeting, the Board will have 30 days to prepare and distribute its HMP recommendations to the Parties.

The Board approved the layout of the harvest data report as presented by Dorothy Cooley.

Strategic Framework

The Board sent letters to all stakeholders acknowledging their feedback on the Strategic Framework (SF). The draft SF was sent to stakeholders for review and comment by December 15, 2012. The Board will review the comments received and finalize the Strategic Framework at its next meeting.

Next Meeting and Closing Prayer

The next PCMB meeting will be held in Whitehorse on March 4, 2013 for one day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and a closing prayer was offered by Joe Tetlich.