

Harvest Management Strategy Working Group Meeting

January 11, 2008
Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

In Attendance

Working Group Members

Doug Urquhart, Facilitator
Joe Tetlich, Chair, PCMB
Deana Lemke, Secretariat, PCMB
Marsha Branigan, GNWT
Esau Shafer, VGG
James MacDonald, TH
Carol Domes, GY
Wendy Nixon, GC
Dick Mahoney, NND
Jozef Carnogursky, GTC

Also in Attendance

Dorothy Cooley, GY
Boyd Pyper, GY
Shel Graupe, VGG
Kenny Tetlich, VGG
Michele Royle, PCMB

Not in attendance

Inuvialuit Game Council rep

1. Opening

Doug Urquhart called the meeting to order at 9:40 and welcomed participants to the meeting (teleconference), after which everyone introduced themselves.

2. Draft Harvest Management (HM) Plan Review

Doug Urquhart worked to update the Draft HM Plan based on comments received from the Working Group. This updated draft was distributed to all members. The following key points arose from the meeting:

- The WG agreed to meet evening of January 30 and for the full day and for the full day and evening of January 31 in Whitehorse
- Draft No. 3 of the HM Plan (public consultation version) will be taken to key Alaskan communities
- January 30/31 meeting must:
 - Address major issues either to come up with one acceptable version or to present several options for public feedback
 - Revise format and content to the satisfaction of those who will be taking it to public consultation
- **WG members will send to Deana a very brief list of key issues they feel must be addressed at the January meeting**
- There were several issues identified that were too complex to be resolved during this teleconference:
 - Consistency of harvest data
 - Zones – boundaries, reliance on number
 - Dempster highway – what level to include in plan?
 - PCMB or HMT to forward 'zone' decision to authorities?
 - Formalization of Porcupine Caribou Technical Committee – in plan or separate?
 - Allocation – red zone hunting, orange zone exclusive for subsistence?
- Beware of plan expansion syndrome.

3. Next Meeting

The WG will meet in Whitehorse on January 30 (evening) and 31 (all day and evening).