



MEETING Record

WMAC (NS) Teleconference

June 30, 2011

Lindsay Staples (Chair) · **Rob Florkiewicz** Yukon Government (Member) · **Danny C. Gordon** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) · **Evelyn Storr** Inuvik Game Council (Alternate) · **Christian Bucher** Government of Canada (Member) · **Jennifer Smith** (Secretariat) · **Christine Cleghorn** (Secretariat)

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03am and reviewed the agenda. He outlined the purpose of the call to sign-off the financial statements for last year, ending March 31, 2011. There were no suggested revisions to the agenda.

Motion 06-11-06

To approve the agenda

Moved: Danny C. Gordon

Seconded: Christian Bucher

Motion carried.

B. Review of Financial Statements

The Secretariat reviewed the financial statements as provided by the bookkeeper. She noted that we have \$19,000 receivable from Environment Canada for work related to Borderlands. Our deferred revenue is just over \$75,000. We spent just over \$192,000 last year. The Chair explained the Environment Canada receivable by explaining the context of the ongoing arrangement we have with Environment Canada as a consequence of their internal IFA implementation funding situation. Until this internal issue is resolved, this same line item will likely arise annually.

The Chair indicated that the agenda for the July meeting would include planning about various projects, ongoing operational requirements, and opportunities that can be supported by our accumulated surplus.

Jennifer explained that of the \$75,000 surplus, close to \$20,000 of it had been allocated to Wayne Wysocki to review spatial information from the ABEKC database. The timing of this project has been delayed to the extent that the contract was cancelled. This resulted in an additional \$20,000 in the surplus

that was not anticipated. The Chair explained that Wayne is still interested in doing the work. He asked the Council of guidance as to whether or not they are still interested in completing this work. He reminded that Council that Wayne had earlier taken the non-spatial information from the Arctic Borderlands database and analyzed it as to how useful it is. He produced a very substantial report that identified weaknesses and strengths in the data. The database also contains spatial information- this contract was to do the same scope of work with the spatial information.

At this point the value of the work would be in providing information and advice about how the Council would use mapped information in the future in any monitoring programs. Evelyn felt strongly about having the work completed because of the continuing desire to do something with the information in the Borderlands database. Christian questioned the utility of the information at this point, now that ABEKC has moved ahead with their new survey. The Chair proposed deferring this question to the July meeting and consider this project amongst others that could be undertaken. In the meantime we can inform Wayne about the new timeline for a decision. Evelyn supported this proposal.

Action 06-11-01: Defer funding decision to July meeting and notify Wayne of this decision. The Secretariat will circulate Wayne's first report and the scope of work for the second report prior to July meeting.

Action 06-11-02: The Secretariat will do a short literature review/search to find out what exists in the literature about lessons learned about spatial data in community monitoring for July.

Resolution 06-11-01

To accept as accurate the Review Engagement Report for the 2010-2011 (dated March 31, 2011) as prepared by Kim Tanner.

Moved by: Evelyn Storr

Seconded by: Rob Florkiewicz

Motion carried.

C. Polar Bear Boundary Discussion and Quota

The Chair referred to the draft letter regarding South Beaufort Polar bear boundary change. He attended the WMAC (NWT) meeting and presented the Council's resolution and discussion to them. The WMAC(NWT) arrived at the same conclusion, with the addition of a buffer at the subpopulation boundary to allow hunters some margin of error while hunting. The joint letter has been drafted, Larry has seen it and approved it. Prior to it being sent out, the Chair asked for comments or concerns with the letter. Council members approved the letter and appreciated the joint effort by the WMACs.

D. Upcoming Meetings

July 22-29 Herschel Island WMAC (NS) quarterly meeting –The Secretariat reviewed planning for Herschel and briefed members on gear to bring.

September 5-9 WMAC(NS) meeting in Whitehorse. September 8th has been set as date for a joint meeting with WMAC(NWT). At the July meeting the Council will further develop the agenda for the

September meeting. It is likely that the WMAC(NS) would have a one-day meeting, followed by the joint WMACs meeting.

Motion 06-11-02

To adjourn the meeting

Moved: Danny C. Gordon

Seconded: Rob Florkiewicz

Motion carried.