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**MINUTES**

**WMAC (NS) QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Whitehorse, Yukon**

**September 11-12, 2000**

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**Monday September 11, 2000**

- Present:** Lindsay Staples – Chair  
Danny C. Gordon- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council  
Herbert Felix- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council  
Doug Larsen - Member -Yukon Territorial Government  
Joan Eamer – Canadian Wildlife Service - Member - Government of  
Canada  
Dorothy Cooley –Alternate – Yukon Government  
Aileen Horler – WMAC(NS) Secretariat
- Guests:** Ian McDonald - Parks Canada, Inuvik  
Catherine Pinard - Inuvialuit Harvest Study Coordinator  
Harvey Jessup - Renewable Resources, Yukon Government  
Dave Ladret – Parks and Recreation Branch, Yukon Government

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**A. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

**B. Review and Approval of Agenda**

The Chair reviewed the agenda and highlighted the items that will need the most attention. These included reviewing the draft of the Muskox Management Plan, the Long-term Research Plan Researcher's Guide and chapter six of the Wildlife Conservation and

Management Plan. A draft of a joint WMAC(NWT) / WMAC(NS) letter on the Species at Risk Act also needs to be reviewed.

*Motion*

*To adopt the agenda.*

Moved: Herbert Felix

Second: Joan Eamer

Motion carried

**C. Review and Approval of Minutes of the July 7-10, 2000 meeting**

Members reviewed the minutes of the July 7-10, 2000 meeting. No changes were required.

*Motion*

*To accept the minutes of July 7-10, 2000 meeting.*

Moved: Doug Larsen

Second: Herbert Felix

Motion carried

**D. Review of Action Items of the July 7-10, 2000 meeting**

**Outstanding Items**

**Action 98-05-04:** Dorothy Cooley will expand the report she wrote on Danny C. Gordon's survey to include other aspects of the ground survey method, such as the aspects of community-based involvement and interest, as well as the Council's perspectives.

**Outstanding.** Dorothy commented that she was planning to meet with Danny during that week to discuss this report.

**Action 99-05-22:** The Chair will discuss the issues around protected areas with the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee Board of Directors to determine if there is any interest in considering the land management options for the special areas on the Yukon North Slope which are identified in the Aklavik Community Conservation Plan and to determine how the HTC wants to proceed with this issue.

**Outstanding.** The Chair reported that he hopes to discuss this issue with the AHTC Board of Directors at a meeting the following week.

**Action 00-05-02:** WMAC(NS) will draft a communications protocol which addresses the points of contact and lines of communication between all parties responsible for resources management on the Yukon North Slope. The draft is to be prepared for the Joint Secretariat Board of Directors' workshop on roles and responsibilities.

**Retired.** See 00-07-03 below.

**Action 00-05-03:** The issue of the restoration and maintenance of Inuvialuit gravesites on Herschel Island is to be addressed in the review of the Herschel Island Management Plan.

**Retired.** This issue will be addressed in the Herschel Island Management Plan.

**Action 00-05-08:** The Chair will contact Wildlife Habitat Canada regarding future funding interests and potential involvement in the Herschel Island Climate Change project.

**Outstanding.**

### **Current items**

**Action 00-07-01:** A draft version of the Yukon North Slope Long Term Research Plan Guide for Researchers is to be available for review at the North Slope Conference.

**Complete.**

Members reviewed the draft of the Researchers Guide that had been prepared for review at the North Slope Conference. It was agreed that a number of minor changes would be made by the Secretariat before copies of the Guide were printed for distribution at the conference. A request for review comments to be submitted to WMAC(NS) by December 1, 2000 should be added to the cover. Other major changes would be incorporated later once comments were received from the general review. There needs to be a section which identifies WMAC(NS)'s role in funding projects. The intern program which supported the writing of the guide needs to be acknowledged. It would be helpful to know how to find trained people in the communities. This should be clearly indicated under the section on what the community can do.

**Action 00-07-02:** The Secretariat will contact a curriculum specialist to determine what needs to be done to integrate the information gathered for the muskox school unit into the current curriculum.

**Outstanding.**

**Action 00-09-01:** Dorothy Cooley will send a copy of the muskox school unit to the WMAC(NS) Secretariat.

**Action 00-07-03:** The Secretariat will ensure that communication protocol developed by WMAC(NS) is added to the agenda of the Roles and Responsibilities workshop.

**Outstanding.** A draft a communications protocol will be developed for review at the next meeting. The Chair reported that the Roles and Responsibilities workshop is scheduled for January in Inuvik. A questionnaire needs to be circulated before the workshop in order to identify issues.

**Action 00-09-02:** WMAC(NS) will develop a draft of an issues questionnaire that should be circulated prior to the Roles and Responsibilities workshop. The questionnaire is to be forwarded to the Joint Secretariat for review and circulation.

**Action 00-07-04:** The Chair is to contact Carol Arey, President of the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee, to discuss the Herschel Island research projects.

**Complete.** The Chair reported that he talked to Richard Gordon about the research projects. Discussions with the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee regarding all North Slope research is ongoing.

**Action 00-09-03:** The Secretariat is to arrange a lunch meeting with the Board of the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee on Tuesday September 19, during the North Slope Conference.

**Action 00-07-05:** WMAC(NS) will write to James Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs Program, in support of DIAND's initiative to propose the amendment of section 19(3) of the Yukon Act to Yukon First Nations on behalf of the Inuvialuit and to proceed with consultations on this issue as part of the amendments to the Act.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07- 06:** WMAC(NS) will write a letter of support to Ken Anderson, Kluane Park Management Board, regarding a national conference of co-management boards and relay the Council's comments on the focus and objectives of such a conference.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07- 07 :** The Secretariat is to send a copy of Volume 1 of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan to Doug Larsen.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07- 08 :** The Secretariat is to inform Aasman Design to prepare Volume 2 of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan as a PDF file.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07- 09:** During its meeting in September, the Council will consider the development of a project to incorporate traditional knowledge into the North Slope species reports.

**Complete.** On the agenda for consideration.

**Action 00-07-10:** The determination of frequency of population surveys and vegetation studies for species without management plans will be discussed during the joint meeting with the WMAC(NWT), in December.

**Complete.** Item has been put on the agenda for the December meeting.

**Action 00-07-11:** Members are to send any further comments on Volume 2 of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan to Kirsten Madsen by July 31.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-12:** The Secretariat will prepare a summary of the Action items from the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan for the North Slope Conference.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-13:** An item on the planning of the proposed coastal zone workshop will be added to the Council's agenda for the September meeting.

**Complete.** On the agenda for consideration.

**Action 00-07-14:** The Council will review the revised draft of the Yukon North Slope Muskox Management Plan at its meeting in September, with the intention of beginning consultations on the plan in October.

**Complete.** On the agenda for consideration.

**Action 00-07-15:** WMAC(NS) will write to all relevant organizations to inform them of the intent to conduct consultations on the Yukon North Slope Muskox Management Plan in the fall of 2000. The letter is to inquire as to their interest in being consulted and on what level. Copies of the letters are to be sent to YTG and Parks Canada.

**Outstanding.**

**Action 00-07-16:** WMAC(NS) will write to the Inuvialuit Game Council and interested Alaskan participants to propose that the next meeting on North Slope muskox management be scheduled for December 2000. The Secretariat will facilitate the organization of the meeting.

**Outstanding.** The Secretariat reported that a letter had been sent to the IGC regarding the meeting. No indication of interest had yet been received. The Secretariat agreed to phone the North Slope Borough to assess their interest in another meeting.

**Action 00-07-17:** The Secretariat will provide an update of the status of the WMAC(NS)'s action items in the ISR Grizzly Bear Management Plan to Marsha Branigan.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-18:** WMAC(NS) will write to YTG Parks to provide the Council's comments on the Herschel Island Territorial Park Management Plan Scoping Document.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-19:** The Secretariat will distribute copies of the Ivvavik National Park Draft Management Plan (June 2000) to members. Members are to provide comments on the plan to the Secretariat by August 31.

**Complete.** Ian McDonald reported that there will be another opportunity for the Council to review the management plan before it is finalized.

**Action 00-07-20:** The Secretariat will write to the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee and the Inuvialuit Game Council to inform them of the wildlife management and research projects recommended for funding during the July 2000 meeting.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-21 :** WMAC(NS) is to develop a model as to how research proposals are to be brought forward for approval. The model is to include an outline of the process for project recommendation and approval, and communication of recommendations, as well as the identification of priorities and the initiation of research ideas.

**Amended.** See Action 00-09-03 below.

**Action 00-07-22 :** The process for reviewing and recommending funding for North Slope wildlife management and research projects will be reviewed by the Council at its September meeting.

**Amended.**

**Action 00-09-04:** WMAC(NS) Secretariat will develop a discussion document on a process for reviewing and recommending funding for North Slope wildlife management and research projects for review at the Council's meeting in December.

**Action 00-07-23:** Members are to review the recommendations of the 1997 North Slope Conference and provide their comments to the Secretariat by July 31.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-24 :** The Secretariat will organize a WMAC(NS) Open House to be held on September 18, in conjunction with the North Slope Conference.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-25 :** Members will provide comments on the WMAC(NS) Activity report to the Secretariat by July 31.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-26:** The Secretariat will send a copy of the Canadian and international list of species at risk to all Council members.

**Outstanding.**

**Action 00-07-27:** WMAC(NS) will contact the Yukon Government and the Canadian Wildlife Service to encourage them to report their IFA implementation funding budgets and expenditures to the Inuvialuit Game Council, during the IGC's September meeting, under an agenda item specific to the topic area. WMAC(NS) will also contact the IGC encouraging the IGC to set aside the appropriate amount of time to discuss this matter.

**Complete.**

**Action 00-07-28:** The Secretariat will send a copy of the Yukon North Slope Long Term Research Plan Guide for Researchers to Alan Fehr.

**Complete.**

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A discussion was held regarding agenda items for the upcoming meeting with the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee. Items include:

- The procedures for reviewing and recommending research on the North Slope
- The Herschel Island Management Plan
- Herschel Island gravesites
- The muskox management plan and harvest quota
- The Yukon Wildlife Act regulations
- The inclusion of traditional knowledge in the North Slope species reports and a traditional knowledge project on muskox.

## **E. Correspondence**

Council members reviewed the following letters:

- A letter from the Inuvialuit Game Council, dated June 28, 2000, regarding the North Slope Conference and the Wildlife Act regulations.
- A letter from the Inuvialuit Game Council, dated Aug 3, 2000, with resolutions supporting North Slope research projects and a one-day meeting in December for researchers to present their projects to the IGC.
- A letter from the Senate Subcommittee on Aboriginal Economic Development in Relation to Northern National Parks, inviting the Chair to appear before the subcommittee. Members agreed that more information was need before deciding how to proceed. The Secretariat agreed to find out what will happen to this report, what happens to the Senate's findings, who in the ISR have been invited to the hearings, and where did the initiative originate?

**Action 00-09-05:** The Secretariat will contact the Clerk of the Senate Subcommittee on Aboriginal Economic Development in Relation to Northern National Parks to obtain more information.

## **F. Financial**

### **a) August 2000 statement.**

Members reviewed the August 2000 financial statement. The Secretariat commented that the North Slope Conference expenses will be substantially overbudget due to the long hours being spent in organizing the conference. Adjustments to the budget can be made once all the expenses are finalized. The Chair noted that the Council usually made adjustments to the budget allocations as necessary at its December meeting.

## **G. Old Business**

### **1. Long-term Research Plan**

The Chair advised Council members that proposed changes to the Long-term Research Plan, and the report from the workshop in January, will be ready for review at the December meeting.

### **2. Wildlife Act Regulations**

The Chair commented that it is very important to get underway with the development of the regulations before Christmas. The process has been delayed too long. YTG has taken almost a year to prepare a background document. Doug Larsen agreed to make inquiries as to the status of the background document and YTG intentions for meeting.

**Action 00-09-06:** WMAC(NS) will write to the YTG Minister of Renewable Resources regarding the need for a meeting this fall to begin the development of the Yukon Wildlife Act regulations.

### **3. Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan**

The Chair tabled a draft of the chapter on development (formerly chapter six). He noted that circumstances have changed since the last draft was prepared in 1994, with the recent introduction of large scale development.

The chapter addresses development within environmental limits. The predominant objective is conservation, with development occurring only within these conservation parameters. Conservation must be maintained except in the case of public convenience and necessity. This, for example, could mean development in the public interest. The Chair reviewed the chapter explaining its division into sections referring to small and large scale development.

**Action 00-09-07:** The Secretariat will circulate the tourism guidelines developed by WMAC(NS), for members to review.

A number of suggestions were made for additions, such as the recognition, in the development chapter, of the importance of the way of life and values of being on the land. Also a link should be made between development and climate change.

Copies of Volume 2 of the Plan will be ready for distribution at the North Slope Conference. A request for review comments to be submitted to WMAC(NS) by December 1, 2000 will be added to the cover.

### **4. Inuvialuit Harvest Study**

The Chair welcomed Catherine Pinard, the Inuvialuit Harvest Study Coordinator.

Catherine provided members with an update on the Harvest Study. Interviews were conducted in March/ April which gathered harvest information back to January 2000. A training workshop for field workers was conducted in the spring.

The following changes have been made to the Harvest Study:

- There are now 2 harvesters' list- one for active harvesters and a reserve list. Those on the active list are interviewed every month. Anyone on the reserve list will be moved to the active list if they start to harvest. The lists were developed by the HTC's. The HTC's and the field workers are responsible for keeping the lists up to date.
- The HTC's can choose if they will do the interviews every month or every three months. Inuvik is doing them every three months because there are so many harvesters.
- The HTC's now have a bigger involvement. The field worker takes the collected information to the HTC Resource Person. The Board of the HTC reviews the

information and passes a resolution to accept it. It is then submitted to the Joint Secretariat and Catherine enters the data.

- The role of the Management Committee has changed. It has been replaced by a local technical support team. The Management Committee will continue to meet once a year.
- There has been an improvement in communications with the development of pamphlets and posters. Every month a summary sheet is prepared for each community for the field workers to give to the harvesters. Every three months a species harvest poster is prepared which uses pictures to communicate harvest.
- The harvest calendar is still being produced in addition to a new smaller pocket version which is easier to take into the bush.

Catherine added that the access protocol with YTG will soon be ready. Questions were raised as to how the protocols vary between agencies and if and what are the differences in requirements.

The Chair noted that the roll-up of ten years of data will soon be available. It is an important product to get out to all the funding contributors.

Catherine clarified that the species list varies by community but they are not used in the interviews. The field worker just asks what has been harvested rather than going through a long list each time.

A question was raised concerning the make-up of the technical support team. Current members are all resident in Inuvik. The Chair agreed to look into agency participation on the Technical Team.

## **5. Herschel Island Territorial Park**

The Chair welcomed Dave Ladret, YTG Parks and Recreation Branch. Dave distributed a one page report describing the proposed schedule for the Management Plan review and other park initiatives.

In reference to the review of the Herschel Island Management Plan, Dave reported that the scoping document received approval in late June. The public review will start in October when the first meetings will be held in Inuvik and Aklavik. In preparation for the public meetings a newsletter is being developed which summarizes the issues identified to date. New issues will be added as they are identified during the public review process. An issues paper will be prepared after the initial meetings and a second newsletter will then be prepared and circulated to all interested parties. Inuvik and Aklavik will be visited three times each in total during the review process.

Members agreed that the Plan needs to be more than just the management of visitors. It needs to consider the management of the whole ecosystem including habitat and wildlife. It must also include the identification of monitoring needs on the island. Ecosystem

monitoring is important. There is a need to keep a log of weather, visitors and other significant occurrences.

Dave also reported that a draft of the protocol to be used in the hiring of rangers for Herschel Island has been prepared. The Parks Branch wants to hire a new Chief Ranger this winter. The new ranger can then be trained over the winter in preparation for next summer. A discussion was held in regards to the Parks Branch becoming more involved with Parks Canada who have a large program established for First Nations employees.

Dave was not able to provide members with a full report on operations on Herschel Island over the summer.

At an IFA Implementation meeting two years ago, participants agreed that the Parks Branch would table a workplan for the following year at the Council's meeting in December. The Council needs to see a workplan so that it can review it, respond to proposed activities and provide input. It was also agreed that the Parks Branch would provide the Council with an end of season report at its September meeting and a report in the spring on preparations for the year.

**Action 00-09-08:** As an interim measure, YTG Parks Branch will be requested to provide an operations report for the 2000 summer season to the WMAC(NS) for discussion at the Council's December meeting.

**Action 00-09-09:** WMAC(NS) will write to YTG Parks Branch to request that a workplan for the upcoming year for Herschel Island Territorial Park is tabled at the Council's meeting each December. The letter will also request an end of season report at the Council's September meeting and a report in the spring on preparations for the year.

A further discussion was held on the role of the Council in the review. Questions were raised as to the capacity of the Parks Branch to prepare a fully revised plan. It was acknowledged that additional resources could be required.

**Action 00-09-10:** WMAC(NS) will write to YTG Parks Branch to offer them every assistance in the review of the Management Plan. The letter is also to encourage the use of any unexpended IFA funds to engage the necessary resources to ensure the prompt and thorough review of the Plan.

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**Tuesday September 12, 2000**

**Present:** Lindsay Staples – Chair  
Danny C. Gordon- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council  
Herbert Felix- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council  
Doug Larsen - Member -Yukon Territorial Government  
Joan Eamer – Canadian Wildlife Service - Member - Government of  
Canada  
Dorothy Cooley –Alternate – Yukon Government  
Aileen Horler – WMAC(NS) Secretariat

**Guests:** Ian McDonald - Parks Canada, Inuvik

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## **6. Species at Risk Act**

The Chair distributed a draft of a letter written in response to the proposed Species at Risk Act. The letter is to be a joint response from WMAC(NWT) and WMAC(NS). In reviewing the letter with members the Chair noted that it is important for the Act to recognise that management circumstances are different in the ISR than they are in southern Canada. This legislation is being driven by southern interests but it has big implications for northerners. Members agreed that there is a need to recognise in the legislation the proactive role of the bodies already in place in the ISR and the existing management plans that have been developed for wildlife and habitat management. There is a need to recognise operational issues and clarify how the new Act is going to work with the existing structures. Questions were raised as to who will appear before the Standing Committee.

Joan Eamer commented that it is important to recognise that SARA has a role in the protection of species not covered by other management plans. There is a lot of value in the Act which should be acknowledged.

**Action 00-09-11:** The Chair will incorporate members comments into the draft SARA letter and distribute the revised version for review.

## **7. Muskox Management Plan**

Ian McDonald referred members to the August 15, 2000 draft of the Muskox Management Plan found in the meeting binder. He commented that, in collaboration with Dorothy Cooley, he had done some work in reorganizing the plan, such as putting the management objectives together. A number of suggestions were given by members in

response to Ian's questions on content. The plan should be changed to reflect that the population management objective is for the entire North Slope population while the harvest management objective is for the Yukon North Slope only. It was recognised that the GNWT should have the opportunity to provide input into the plan. Dorothy and Ian agreed to talk to John Nagy to get his comments and to incorporate the suggested revisions before beginning the consultations. Consultations are to take place in October and November. Any comments are to be submitted by mid-November. The final version of the plan is to be ready to be tabled at the muskox management meeting proposed for Anchorage in December.

**Action 00-09-12:** Dorothy Cooley and Ian McDonald will confer with John Nagy in order to incorporate the GNWT's perspective on Yukon North Slope muskox management into the draft plan.

**Action 00-09-13:** Dorothy Cooley will coordinate the community consultations on the Muskox Management Plan, with assistance from the WMAC(NS) Secretariat as required.

## **8. 2000-01 Wildlife Management and Research Updates**

Dorothy Cooley distributed a summary of July 2000 YTG fieldwork.

### **a) Porcupine Caribou Composition Count**

Dorothy reported that due to a number of unfavourable conditions it was not possible to carry out the census or composition count on the Porcupine caribou herd as planned. However it was possible to replace one malfunctioning satellite collar and capture and collar two additional caribou. This brings the total number of collared animals to eight.

### **b) Muskox Count**

YTG and Parks Canada conducted aerial surveys for the muskox in early July. 121 animals were seen during the count. When combined with known animals in other locations, the total count of Yukon muskox is estimated to be 146. There were still a lot of healthy young animals seen during the composition count. All of the 5 satellite-collared cows had calves. There were no caribou in the vicinity of the muskox so it was not possible to observe any interactions. There are currently 6 satellite-collared muskox on the Yukon North Slope- 5 female and one male. This work is on budget.

### **c) Herschel Island Vegetation Study**

This study was late starting this year but all the work was completed. Three vegetation and soil monitoring activities were conducted that attempt to track changes over the long-term.

1. Vegetation change- This work was conducted to quantify the increase in grass from the previous recorded levels of 1985. The studied species was found to have increased in cover by about 10% in 15 years.

2. ITEX monitoring- An ITEX plot was established on the island in 1999 to measure plant phenology and growth for selected species. These measurements are done every year to document annual variations in climate and plant development.
3. Permafrost temperature monitoring- A deep-core probe was installed to monitor permafrost temperature to a depth of 15m. Temperature will be measured twice a year, in March and July.

The vegetation study ran about \$3000 over budget.

**Action 00-09-14:** The continuation of the ITEX monitoring should be incorporated into the Herschel Island Management Plan.

Dorothy added that all the bird sighting information which has been gathered over the years on Herschel Island has now been entered into a database.

## **9. 2000-01 Wildlife Management and Research Proposals**

### **a) Traditional knowledge and species updates**

Discussion on this item was deferred until October at which time the Council agreed to consider how traditional knowledge could be factored into the species reports of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. In addition, the HTC had expressed an interest in seeing a traditional knowledge study done on the muskox. Members agreed to consider putting out a call for proposals to conduct the work.

**Action 00-09-15:** WMAC(NS) will draft and transmit requests for proposals to incorporate traditional knowledge into the species reports of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan and to undertake a traditional knowledge study on the muskox.

### **b) Porcupine Caribou Body Condition Monitoring**

Dorothy Cooley distributed a proposal for Porcupine caribou body condition monitoring and gave members background information on the project. The management objective of this program is to monitor the general health of the Porcupine caribou herd .

Hunters from four user communities (Aklavik, Old Crow, Dawson and Fort McPherson) will be asked to take samples and measurements from the caribou they harvest in the fall. This sampling will determine how fat the cows are and how likely it is that they are going to give birth in the spring. It is hoped that by using hunter-killed animals it will be possible to get more samples. The hunters will be paid \$25 for each sample they submit. The HTCs/ RRCs who will be administering this project will receive an administration fee.

The total budget for the first year of this project is \$15,545. The budget for the following years is \$13,545. Each of the four participating communities will be asked to contribute 25% of the total costs. As yet there is no other funding secured for this project.

After some discussion members agreed to recommend \$4092.50 (as the 2000-01 contribution) and \$3492.50 (as the 2001-02 contribution) for a total of \$7584. These figures represent contributions which cover the costs of Aklavik's participation in the program. All of this funding is to be spent on the project in 2000-01. Other agencies and user communities will be expected to provide funding for the following year. Recommending two year's worth of funding in this fiscal year will ensure that the project gets underway.

***Motion***

***To recommend \$7584 be allocated toward the Porcupine caribou body condition monitoring in the 2000-01 fiscal year. This amount represents a contribution of \$4092.50 (as the 2000-01 contribution) and \$3492.50 (as the 2001-02 contribution).***

Moved: Danny C. Gordon

Seconded: Joan Eamer

Motion carried.

**c) Porcupine Caribou Satellite Location Program**

In order to ensure the effective management of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, it is necessary to support research that provides insight to the habitats and behaviours of the herd. This project is a cooperative effort to maintain satellite collars on Porcupine caribou cows in order to document migration routes and winter range use. The program was begun in 1997 with the collaring of 10 caribou. There are currently 8 collars in place and active. Updated maps showing caribou movements are faxed to 26 locations in user communities every week. The Canadian Wildlife Service maintains a web site for the project. A number of schools have used the web site for school projects.

The total cost of the project is \$12,000. Dorothy requested and the Council agreed to recommend \$2000 towards the cost maintaining the program. Funding support of \$2000 each is also being requested from Vuntut National Park, GNWT, Canadian Wildlife Service, Gwich'in RRB and Ivvavik National Park.

***Motion***

***To recommend \$2000 be allocated toward the Porcupine Caribou Satellite Location Program***

Moved: Herbert Felix

Seconded: Doug Larsen

Motion carried.

## **10. Parks Canada/ Ivvavik National Park**

Ian McDonald tabled a summer 2000 update report from Parks Canada's Western Arctic Field Unit . The report contained a summary of activities in Ivvavik National Park under the headings of research and monitoring, park visitors, public safety and community involvement. Ian commented that most of the clean-up of Komakuk has been completed.

In reference to the Ivvavik National Park Management Plan, Ian reported that the first round of consultations had been completed and that the plan had been forwarded to the national office for review. Parks is hoping to have the plan signed off by the spring.

## **11. North Slope Conference**

The agenda for the upcoming conference was circulated among members. The Chair and Secretariat answered questions regarding workshop resource people and facilitators.

## **12. IFA Implementation Reporting**

The Chair commented that there was nothing new to report on this issue.

## **13. WMAC(NS) Charitable Status**

Members agreed to defer discussion on this issue until the next meeting.

## **14. Coastal Zone Planning Workshop**

The Chair commented that the Council has been proposing to initiate a coastal zone planning process for some time. There is currently \$5000 in the WMAC(NS) budget for coastal zone planning. It is important to begin some preparations this fall if any work is to be done in this fiscal year.

**Action 00-09-16:** The Secretariat will prepare a discussion paper for the December meeting as to what are the appropriate actions to initiate in regards to coastal zone planning.

## **15. Aklavik Community Conservation Plan**

The Chair reported that the Council has received the revised version of the Aklavik Community Conservation Plan. Council members need to review the plan before it is signed off by the Chair. Council members agreed to review the Aklavik Community Conservation Plan and submit comments to the Secretariat by October 15. The Chair will then incorporated the suggested changes as appropriate.

**Action 00-09-17:** Council members will review the Aklavik Community Conservation Plan and submit comments to the Secretariat by October 15.

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Danny C. Gordon requested that the Council consider changing the dates of its fall quarterly meeting from September to October. Members agreed that September is a very busy time of year and that it would be better to hold the meeting in October. The Chair agreed to inform the IGC of the Council's decision.

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### **Next Meeting**

Council members agreed to hold the next meeting in Aklavik prior to the December IGC meeting.

**Action 00-09-18:** An item on the enforcement of the HTC By-laws is to be added to the December agenda.

### **J. Adjournment**

#### *Motion*

*To adjourn.*

Moved: Herbert Felix  
Seconded: Danny C. Gordon  
Motion carried

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WMAC(NS) Chair

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WMAC(NS) Secretariat

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Date