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Minutes

WMAC(NS) Quarterly Meeting

**Whitehorse, Yukon
High Country Inn
Friday, May 26, 2006**

Lindsay Staples Chair ♦ **Doug Larsen** Yukon Government (Member) ♦ **Ron Larsen** Parks Canada (Member) ♦ **Danny C. Gordon** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) ♦ **Evelyn Storr** Inuvialuit Game Council (Alternate) ♦ **Dorothy Cooley** Yukon Government (Alternate) ♦ **Michelle Sicotte** Secretariat

A. Call to Order

The Chair welcomed the Council members to the Whitehorse meeting. The Chair thanked Evelyn Storr for attending for Ernest Pokiak.

B. Review and Approval of Agenda

The priority of this meeting is to allocate the WMAC(NS) project funds. The workplan for the WMAC(NS) Secretariat will be based on this budget. The Secretariat has brought forward a range of proposals for consideration.

Motion to approve agenda for the May 26, 2006 meeting as presented.

Moved: Danny C. Gordon
Second: Evelyn Storr
Motion Carried

C. IFA Research Funding

There is \$17,400 unallocated funds from the IFA wildlife research funds. The Council reviewed two additional proposals. The Oblique Aerial Photography project submitted by Jim Hawkins has been removed from consideration. The Council agrees to allocate \$2000 to the *Vegetation Change on Herschel Island and the Costal Plain of Ivvavik* submitted by Catherine Kennedy. The Council also agrees to allocate an additional \$1,400 to the *North Yukon Alaska Marmot Study* submitted by Barney Smith. The Council agrees to allocate an additional \$11,000 to the *Arctic Fox Den Survey on Herschel Island*. The Council discussed using the \$2,000 in remaining funds to complete a historic compilation of the IFA funded research on the North Slope. This work would include a database that would be updated annually.

Motion to recommend the following expenditures of the Yukon Government's IFA research funds: \$2000 for the *Vegetation Change on Herschel Island and the Costal Plain of Ivvavik* project, an additional \$1,400 to the *North Yukon Alaska Marmot Study*, an additional \$11,000 to the *Arctic Fox Den Survey on Herschel Island*. As well the Council recommends \$2,000 for the preparation of a report that is a historic compilation of the IFA funded research on the North Slope.

Moved: Doug Larsen
Second: Evelyn Storr
Motion carried

D. WMAC(NS) Project Budget

The Secretariat reviewed the project proposals. The North Slope Conference was identified as a priority. The Council also suggested having a \$10,000 – \$15,000 annual contingency fund.

1. Review of ABECK Monitoring Program on the Yukon North Slope

There is an overall need for the Council to review ecological monitoring on the North Slope. The Council would like to re-focus this project to include all monitoring on the North Slope. The focus will be on the North Slope, with other interests included. The project would involve bringing together appropriate groups (Parks Canada, Yukon Government, Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee, Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee, etc) at a two-day workshop to review monitoring requirements. The Council would expect participants to pay their way to the workshop. Work done by the ABECK will be included. The project will include:

- A review of WMAC(NS) management interests in ecological monitoring
- A workshop to review monitoring priorities with other stakeholders
- A report with recommendations on re-designing ecological monitoring on the North Slope based by priorities expressed at the workshop.

Project Budget: \$21,000

2. Yukon North Slope 10-Year Report

The Council supports this project as presented.

Project Budget: \$20,000

3. Update Long Term Research and Monitoring Plan

This project is not a priority at this time. The Council would like to defer this project.

4. Develop Template Package for IFA Funded Researchers

This project is not a priority at this time. The Secretariat will add this work to her workplan.

5. Update Yukon North Slope Research Guide

The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$1,000

6. WMAC(NS) Communication Strategy

The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$5,000

7. WMAC(NS) Graphic Design Work and Brand Renewal

This project is not a priority at this time. The Secretariat will work with Aasman to obtain digital copies of the current logo and other templates.

8. Update Contact Database

The Council will approach Yukon Government to consider this project for North Slope Conference funding. The Council will allocate funds to this project in the event that YG is unable to contribute.

Project Budget: \$1,200

9. New Website Structure

This project is a high priority. Council members have expressed interest in updating and re-organizing the site. The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$7,159

10. WMAC(NS) Photo Library

The Council would like to proceed with this project with the following amendments: 5 days @ \$150/day, required software \$1,250).

Project Budget: \$2,000

11. IFA Fact Sheets

The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$3,000

12. Muskox Management Plan Publication, Distribution and Workshop

This project is a high priority. The Council would like to proceed with this project as described. The workshop would be held in Aklavik in the fall. The Management Plan needs to be updated from the March meeting.

Project Budget: \$10,000

13. Species Status Report Update

Commitments have been made to this project. The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$4,000

14. Update the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan

Commitments have been made to this project. The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$1,200

15. 2007 Yukon North Slope Conference

The Council would like to proceed with this project as described.

Project Budget: \$10,000

16. FJMC Summer Student Mentoring

This project was very successful last year. The Council would like to proceed with this project.

Project Budget: \$3,000

17. Habitat Stewardship Fund

The Council has allocated funds to this project previously

Project Budget: \$18,266.

18. ABECK Contribution

The Council would like to defer the contribution to the ABECK at this time. The Council is allocating \$41,000 towards ecological monitoring in other projects.

19. Publishing the Climate Change Report

The Council has allocated funds to this project previously.

Project Budget: \$1,500

Motion to allocate the WMAC(NS) funds as described above.

Moved: Ron Larsen

Second: Evelyn Storr

Motion carried

E. North Slope Conference Update

The Council discussed the upcoming North Slope Conference. Yukon Government is recommending holding the conference in January 2007 in Whitehorse. A portion of the conference is needed to review the Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. The Secretariat and Chair will put together a briefing note for the Council and details can be decided by teleconference. The Chair suggested Tom Beck as a conference chair.

F. Upcoming Meetings

The Secretariat will explore dates at the end of August or early September for a meeting on the North Slope and get back to Members.

G. Other Business

Danny brought up his concerns with respect to Richardson Mountain Sheep and misuse of those animals. The Council will add this to the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn the May 26, 2006 meeting

Moved: Doug Larsen

Second: Danny C. Gordon

Motion carried