

MEETING NOTES

Pickhandle Lakes Steering Committee Meeting

Whitehorse

Yukon Inn – Java Connection Boardroom

April 19, 2012

Members | David Johnny Sr. White River First Nation · **Sam White** Kluane First Nation · **Ella LeGresley** Yukon government · **Karen Clyde** Yukon government

Support Staff | Tess McLeod Yukon government · **Kym Rempel** Kluane First Nation

1. Meeting Start

The meeting started at 10:00am on Thursday, April 19th, 2012. The agenda was approved.

2. Introduction of new steering committee members

- Ella LeGresley will be the alternate for Bob Kuiper while he is on deferred leave until September 2012.
- Karen Clyde will be going on maternity leave on April 27th, 2012 until April 27th, 2013. An alternate will be taking over her position on the steering committee. It is not yet known who that will be.
- Troy Pretzlaw is no longer the Kluane Regional Biologist; a new staff member will be hired for mid July.

3. Updates

- Kym provided the committee with a summary of the new Kluane First Nation *Land Act* and Tenure regulations. These regulations apply to all Kluane First Nation settlement lands.
- Karen provided the committee with a summary of the memo received from the YG - Interdepartmental Planning Group. This memo gives direction to the YG members of the steering committee regarding issues outside the HPA boundary.

4. PLHPA Draft Management Plan

- Tess completed the first draft of the introduction section of the management plan. The steering committee will review this and send edits back to her.
- Kluane First Nation's view on moose harvest in the HPA is that they would like to see further management of licensed hunters.
- **Action Item 1:** Tess will continue to draft the background and supporting sections of the management plan with direction from the steering committee.
- The steering committee would like to include a vision statement in the management plan reflecting what has been heard from community members. **Action Item 2:** Tess will draft this and send it out for review to the steering committee; the vision statement will then be reviewed by local residents and community members for further input.

5. Work plan and budget 2012/2013

- **Action Item 3:** Tess will edit the work plan and send the updated version to committee members.
- The budget for 2012/13 will be 20k. This will fund meetings, travel, communications (newsletters, posters etc.), potential field work, management plan layout and design.

6. Next steps

- **Action Item 4:** The steering committee will complete door to door surveys in Beaver Creek to raise awareness and collect local knowledge about the PLHPA and how local residents would like to see the area managed. These surveys will occur a few times over the summer to make sure people have the opportunity to have their say. Better communication is needed to make sure community members feel they are getting their say regarding the management planning process.
- **Action Item 5:** Kym and Tess will talk with the Kluane Lake and Nelnah Bessie John Schools regarding holding an art contest for students to draw landscape or wildlife photos about Pickhandle Lakes HPA. The steering committee will hold a lunch in Beaver Creek and Burwash Landing to give out prizes and show the community the artwork. The artwork will then be used as the art work in the recommended management plan.
- **Action Item 6:** Tess will research options for water quality studies and if it would be possible to collect baseline data this summer. The steering committee feels that collecting baseline information on water quality in the HPA is important to understand any future impacts from development that may occur and would like to get advice on proposals for management plan recommendations on a water monitoring program.
- **Action Item 7:** Kym will talk to the organizers of the Kluane First Nation General Assembly being held in Burwash Landing, July 28th and 29th, 2012 to see if the steering committee can have a booth. The steering committee will present draft recommendations for local residents to review.
- **Action Item 8:** Ella will look into the work Bob was doing on the analysis respecting land and resource prohibitions in HPAs.
- **Action Item 9:** Tess will call Janet Vander Meer about getting a copy of the White River First Nation Traditional Land Use Study completed by the Calliou Group.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Beaver Creek in late May. Dates will be discussed depending on the art contest.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.