

MEETING MINUTES

First Pickhandle Lakes Steering Committee Meeting

Whitehorse, Yukon

Yukon Inn

December 10, 2010

Members | **David Johnny Sr.** White River First Nation · **Sam White** Kluane First Nation **Karen Clyde** Yukon Government · **Bob Kuiper** Yukon Government ·

Support Staff | **Michelle Sicotte** Yukon government · **Troy Pretzlaw** Yukon government · **Tess McLeod** Yukon government

- 1) **Introductions** Roles and background on committee members and support staff.
- 2) **Review of Kluane First Nation (KFN) Final Agreement** Chapter 10 – Special Management Areas, Schedule A: Pickhandle Lakes Habitat Protection Area.
- 3) **Discussion** on White River First Nation (WRFN) not having a final agreement and procedures they must take through the process of developing this management plan.
- 4) **Summary of visions & expectations of the steering committee:**
 - Protecting the integrity and values of the Habitat protection area while allowing for opportunity and growth in the communities of Burwash Landing and Beaver Creek.
 - Understanding Pickhandle Lakes HPA within the greater landscape of the Kluane region. Where does Pickhandle Lakes HPA fit in with the other special management areas surrounding it? Joint effort with the Asi Keyi steering committee?
 - Where does the committee need to start? Background information and gathering of data and knowledge.
- 5) **Discussion on the development a management plan: initial needs**
 - Further information about protected areas around the HPA, what the protection status is and what it means.
 - History and traditional use of Pickhandle Lakes HPA.

- Understanding that species do not consider borders and the steering committee will need to consider that movement in and out of the Pickhandle Lakes HPA system does not exist in isolation.
- Holding community meetings in Beaver Creek, Burwash, and Whitehorse in early 2011 to introduce the steering committee to the communities and gather information on views and comments about Pickhandle Lakes HPA and the development of a management plan.

6) Terms of Reference. The committee reviewed the draft terms of reference. Steering committee members made additional comments in regards to the terms of reference however it was decided that alterations to the terms of reference would be difficult where clauses were taken directly from Schedule A. Comments not included in the terms of reference are listed below:

- In reference to section 1.1.1: There is a need for more information: what species do we want to discuss, what is actually in the HPA.
- In reference to section 1.1.4: To increase public knowledge regarding the level of biodiversity there may a need for signs, brochures, and advertisements.
- In reference to section 2.2: Clarification needed as to the difference between delegate and nominee; as a delegate you are in charge of taking the information from the steering committee meetings back to the community you are representing.

Action Item 1: Tess to make edits to the terms of reference and send the new draft out to committee members for review.

7) Operating Procedures. The committee began review of the draft operating procedures and will continue to edit these in the next meeting scheduled for January 10/11th, 2011.

8) Next meeting and agenda items. The next steering committee meeting was scheduled for January 10/11th, 2011 in Burwash.

- **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** Review/finalization of terms of reference, continuing work on draft operating procedures, development of a work plan, and preparation for February community meetings, create a list of all issues regarding Pickhandle Lakes HPA that need to be addressed in the management plan.

Action Item 2: Book meeting room in Burwash for January 10/11th, 2010.

9) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.