

## MEETING NOTES

Second Pickhandle Lakes Steering Committee Meeting

Burwash Landing

Kluane First Nation Administration Building

January 11, 2011

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

**Support Staff** | **Tess McLeod** Yukon government · **Lorne Larocque** Yukon government

**Regrets** | **Michelle Sicotte** Yukon government

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### New Action Items

**To be completed for the community meetings (Feb 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>).**

**Action 11-1-1:** All members need to prepare for the community meeting regarding areas they will be addressing the community about.

**Action 11-1-2:** Sam will look into venue and catering for the February 18<sup>th</sup> community meeting in Burwash Landing. (~35 people)

**Action 11-1-3:** Chief David Johnny will look into venue and catering for the February 17<sup>th</sup> community meeting in Beaver Creek. (~30 people)

**Action 11-1-4:** Sherry will shop for Indian bingo gifts (20 prizes per community ~\$10 each). Sam and David will add extras gifts.

**Action 11-1-5:** Christina and Michelle to complete summary of regulations of the HPA and surrounding areas.

**Action 11-1-6:** Bob to research land status of the Pickhandle Lakes HPA and surrounding area.

**Action 11-1-7:** Tess will distribute a draft agenda for the community meetings.

**To be completed for the April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> steering committee meetings.**

**Action 11-1-8:** Tess will add Geraldine Pope to the email list regarding all future steering committee meetings.

**Action 11-1-9:** Tess and Michelle will create a website where all information regarding the Pickhandle Lakes HPA will be stored. Possibility to join with Asi Keyi progress. All steering committee members will have access and other such as Kluane and White River First Nations.

**Action 11-1-10:** Tess will write up changes to operating procedures and distribute

**Action 11-1-11:** All steering committee members will return the terms of reference and operating procedures for review by respective parties with an update for the next meeting in April.

**Action 11-1-12:** Tess will enquire about the rare water plant found near WRFN camp on Pickhandle Lake; Kaz or Bruce – small white lily type plant, also found in Snag, Alaska.

**Action 11-1-13:** Sam White will report to RRC on Pickhandle Lakes HPA at the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting.

**Action 11-1-14:** Lorne will talk to the Haines Junction conservation officers about issues that have come up over the years in the Pickhandle Lakes HPA.

**Action 11-1-15:** Chief David Johnny will keep us updated on the Muskrat Camp held in March at Pickhandle Lakes HPA.

**Action 11-1-16:** Michelle & Tess to complete a draft of work plan and table of contents and distribute.

**Action 11-1-17:** Tess will summaries what we hear in the community meetings and send it out in March to be ready to discuss at the April meeting.

## **Day 1: January 10<sup>th</sup>,2011**

### **1. Meeting Start**

The meeting started at 2pm on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### **2. Review of agenda**

Karen request the addition of three agenda items: Update on the Chisana Caribou Herd, Scheduling for the next few months and a communication strategy. The committee reviewed and approved the agenda and all requested additions.

### **3. Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the December 10, 2010 meeting minutes held at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse. No requests for changes were made.

### **4. Review of Term of Reference**

The committee reviewed the terms of reference and they were tentatively approved. All parties need to return the terms of reference to their representative parties to be reviewed and approved before they can be accepted.

### **5. Review & completion of Operating Procedures**

The committee completed the operating procedures. Tess will write up the changes and distribute. All parties need to return the operating procedures to their representative parties to be reviewed and approved before they can be accepted.

Further discussion about White River First Nation participating on the steering committee without a final agreement and how this will affect there position and what it means in terms of the management plan. Further information on these processes is needed.

Committee members discussed the need for better communication and all members submitted their contact information:

Chief David Johnny – (home) 867-862-7703

Sam White – (home) 867-841-5005 (cell) 867-332-7020

Bob Kuiper (work) 867-667-8728 (home) 867-633-4501

Karen Clyde (work) 867-667-5464 (cell) 867-334-2047 (home) 867-393-2692

## **Day 2: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **6. Meeting Start**

The second day of the steering committee meeting started at 9am on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### **7. Community Meetings**

The committee discussed the upcoming community meetings and decided on dates:

February 17<sup>th</sup>: Beaver Creek

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Burwash Landing

A rough schedule for the community meeting will include:

Pickhandle Lakes – morning

Lunch & Indian Bingo – noon

Wolf Management Plan review meeting – afternoon

The committee drafted an outline agenda for the community meetings (individuals in charge of addressing the community are listed after each agenda item):

#### Draft Agenda

- Steering committee & technical support staff introductions

- Why do a management plan? Where did it come from, steps in developing a management plan, meetings etc (Michelle Sicotte).
- KFN Final Agreement, schedule A (Sam White)
- WRFN participation and what it means not to have a final agreement (Chief David Johnny).
- Sharing concerns and understanding of what the management plans means: clearing explaining what a management plan implies: regulations, new rules? (Michelle Sicotte)
- Timelines and work plans (Michelle Sicotte)
- Communications: posters, newsletters, & website (Michelle Sicotte)
- Importance of the area: cultural, heritage, trapping, waterfowl, water, forestry etc. (Chief David Johnny & Sam White).
- EMR related highlights on current management and regulations of the area/transportation (highway & pipeline) and land status (Bob Kuiper)
- Information on surrounding areas and how Pickhandle Lakes HPA fits into a bigger picture (Tess).

Maximum speaking time for the steering committee should be ~30min.

The rest of the meeting should be listening and engaging the community to speak about their concerns, issues and any comments they may have. The steering committee came up with a list of issues for Pickhandle Lakes HPA:

- Mining – Bob (schedule to make recommendations on withdrawal).
- Forestry – Bob (schedule A: personal use clarification).
- Trapping – Sam & David
- Moose management – Karen
- Waterfowl – Tess
- Water management – Tess
- Pipeline – Bob
- Highway issues – Bob
- Fish – Tess
- Frogs – Tess
- Rare speices – Karen

- Raptors – Karen
- Tourism – Bob
- Wildlife values – Karen
- Harvest – Karen, David, Sam
- Access – Bob
- Camps along river – Bob

The steering committee also discussed a day trip to Pickhandle Lakes on snow machines to become more familiar with the area. This is planned for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. More information and organizing of this trip will take place closer to the date

Other invitees to the community meeting and day trip to Pickhandle Lakes HPA will include: Troy Pretzlaw (YG), Lorne Larocque (YG), and Afan Jones (YG).

## **8. Next meetings**

The steering committee discussed the need to meet with elders from Beaver Creek and Burwash Landing separate from community meetings. Chief David Johnny thought that the Muskrat Camp that WRFN holds in March at Pickhandle Lakes would be a good venue to meet elders in an informal setting before holding a more formal meeting. Scheduling of this meeting will be further discussed in the next steering committee meeting.

The next steering committee meeting after the community meetings will be held in Whitehorse on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> the agenda and venue will be distributed the last week of February.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm