

MEETING NOTES

Fourth Pickhandle Lakes Steering Committee Meeting

Whitehorse

Yukon Inn –Willow Room

May 25th, 2011

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

Support Staff | **Tess McLeod** Yukon government · **Troy Pretzlaw** Yukon government · **Jennifer Staniforth** Yukon government

Regrets | **Michelle Sicotte** Yukon government

Action Items Carried Forward:

Action 11-5-10: Tess will create a summary table with all the information we have and where the data gaps are.

New Action Items:

Action 11-5-11: Sam will enquire about the letter from KFN regarding working with the Asi Keyi steering committee when holding community meetings or events.

Action 11-5-12: Tess and Bob will work on the newsletter and survey and send out the draft to the committee for review.

Action 11-5-13: Tess will organize the webpage and send out drafts of the content to the committee for review.

Action 11-5-14: Tess will send out a list of tasks and materials required for the preparation of July trip to Pickhandle Lake HPA.

Action 11-5-15: Karen will answer the 10 communications questions submitted by Nancy Campbell and circulate to the committee for review.

Action 11-5-16: Sam and David will arrange elder's invitation and transportation to Pickhandle Lakes for July 13th, 2011.

Action 11-5-17: Tess will contact CWS about the waterfowl surveys they complete at Pickhandle Lakes every year, find out more information about continuing the survey or increasing the surveys completed at Pickhandle Lakes as part of the management plan.

Day 1: 25th, 2011

1. Meeting Start

The meeting started at 9:30am on Wednesday morning.

2. Review of agenda

The agenda was approved; no changes or additional items were requested.

3. Review of Minutes

Meeting notes from the May 5th and 6th, 2011 meeting were approved.

4. Review of Term of Reference & Operating Procedures

David and Sam will have the Terms of Reference and Operating Procedure reviewed with their representative parties by July 11th, 2011.

5. Updates

Troy updated the committee about points discussed in the last meeting.

- The moose survey completed in the KFN and WRFN area was a stratification survey, which does not provide a lot of useful information about the health of a moose population.
- It may be worth organizing a meeting with Conservation Officer Services in the fall to learn more about the history of issues in the area.

6. Newsletter & Website

Tess and Bob will complete a draft newsletter and circulate to the committee for review. This newsletter will be the first newsletter sent out to residents of Burwash Landing and Beaver Creek. The newsletter will summarize what we heard at the February community meetings and will include a survey with 10 broad questions about Pickhandle Lakes HPA. Another survey will go out later in the year with more focused questions about the area. This newsletter will introduce the steering committee and let people know about the management plan process. The newsletter will be sent out to the communities by June 20th, 2011.

The webpage will also be complete by June 20th, 2011 giving people a chance to complete the survey online. The webpage will give information about the management plan process and updates on work the committee is doing.

7. 2011 Field Work

The committee finalized field work for the summer of 2011.

July:

- Elders retreat/interviews at Pickhandle Lakes HPA July 13th, 2011.
The committee will hold a retreat providing a lunch and snacks for elders to enjoy at the lake. The committee will use maps and images of different species to gather local knowledge about the area.
- Inventory work with a focus on fish, and plants. During the week of July 12-15th the committee and technical support team will complete fish surveys and plant inventory in the area.

August:

- Tentatively scheduled for August 1-5th the technical support team will complete fish surveys and a small mammal study in the HPA.

8. Next meetings

The committee's next meeting will be at the KFN and WRFN elders retreat at Pickhandle Lakes on July 12th.

The next meeting steering committee meeting will be schedule for August by email.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.