

## MEETING NOTES

Pickhandle Lakes Steering Committee Meeting

Whitehorse

High Country Inn – Library Room

September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

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**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 · **Kym Rempel** Kluane First Nation

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### **New Action Items:**

**Action 11-9-1:** Tess will make changes to the work plan and send the updated version to committee members.

**Action 11-9-2:** Tess will follow up with Bruce McLean about re-vegetation guidelines regarding highways.

**Action 11-9-3:** Karen & Bob will follow up with Land Claims about the Pickhandle Lakes HPA boundaries and the committee making recommendations that address issues outside the HPA.

**Action 11-9-4:** Bob will start a technical analysis to determine the compatibility of Pickhandle Lakes HPA objectives with mineral exploration and development. Bob will send out the work done previously on this topic for the Devil's Elbow HPA to committee members.

**Action 11-9-5:** Bob and Karen will invite guests to our next meeting;

- Energy, Mines & Resources – Mining (Bob)
- Highways & Public Works – (Bob)
- TransCanada Pipeline – (Bob)
- Department of Environment – Water Resources (Karen)

**Action 11-9-6:** Tess will send David and Sam the survey questions to be used in the door to door surveys being conducting in Beaver Creek and Burwash Landing.

**Action 11-9-7:** Sam will be conducting door to door interviews with residents in Burwash Landing to ask survey questions about Pickhandle Lakes HPA.

**Action 11-9-8:** David will organize for Glen Stephans to conduct door to door interviews with residents in Beaver Creek to ask survey questions about Pickhandle Lakes HPA.

**Action 11-9-9:** Karen will complete an update on the Pickhandle Lakes HPA management plan process write up for the Burwash Landing community newsletter.

**Action 11-9-10:** Tess will organize an advertisement to be published in the newspaper about the public meeting in December.

**Action 11-9-11:** Tess will complete a summary report of information Jamie Kenyon provided to the committee about waterfowl.

### **1. Meeting Start**

The meeting started at 9:00am on Thursday morning.

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

The agenda was approved; completing the terms of reference and operation procedure documents was added to the agenda.

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

Meeting notes from the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and the elders retreat were reviewed and approved.

### **4. Review of Term of Reference & Operating Procedures**

The Pickhandle Lakes HPA steering committee's terms of reference and operating procedures were approved and are now in effect.

## **5. Updates**

- Kym Rempel provided a summary of the Kluane First Nation Harvest Camp which was held at Lake Creek Campground in early August. The event was successful with a high turn out. The site was a bit far for residents to travel so other locations may be considered at the next event.
- Karen Clyde provided a summary of the status of the Chisana Caribou Herd. The plan was signed by Chief David Johnny and sent to Kluane First Nation for review and signing.
- The Asi Keyi Natural Park process is still on hold. The Pickhandle Lakes HPA recommended management plan process is underway and will continue doing work without the Asi Keyi steering committee. The committee will keep up to date with this process and work with them where possible.
- Sam White is the new wildlife monitor for Kluane First Nation.

## **6. Review of Work plan**

The steering committee's work plan was reviewed and changes were made. Tess will edit the work plan and send the updated version to steering committee members for review before the next meeting.

## **7. Waterfowl**

Jaime Kenyon from Ducks Unlimited attended the steering committee meeting to provide the committee with information about the importance of Pickhandle Lakes HPA for waterfowl. Tess will write a summary of the information Jamie provide to add to the information binders.

## **8. Issues & Options**

The committee began reviewing the summary table on issues and options for the recommended management plan. The committee was able to draft some preliminary management recommendations and has recognized where more information is needed. The committee has planned for another meeting in mid-November to invite

technical experts to provide the committee with information. These areas include: mining, the pipeline project, hydrology, and land claims.

#### **9. Next steps**

- The committee will produce a newsletter in November with information on what information has been gathered to date and what the committee's next steps will be.
- The committee will hold a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Whitehorse and will invite technical experts to attend.
- The committee will hold an open house in Whitehorse on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to invite Kluane First Nation and White River First Nation citizens that reside in Whitehorse to learn more about the process and to answer any question they may have. The committee will also invite Whitehorse residents to learn more about the Pickhandle Lakes HPA and the management plan process.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.