

## **SOUTHERN LAKES WILDLIFE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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## **BRIEFING NOTE**

The SLWCC held a regular meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon on December 5, 2009. The following is a summary of meeting highlights. Detailed minutes are available from the committee.

1. The committee completed the final revision of the caribou recommendations. The recommendations will be revised and tabled at the January meeting.
2. It is suggested parties meet in the spring to begin implementing the caribou recommendations.
3. The committee discussed the development of Southern Lakes wildlife implementation working group to coordinate the implementation of the recommendations put forward by the SLWCC.
4. The committee discussed grizzly predation on caribou. Grizzly bears are a species of special concern in Canada, and as such management of these animals can be challenging. The five year population study should help shed light on this issue. There are reports of a high bear population in the Yukon. TRT citizens have been reporting a declining bear population in the lower Taku.
5. It was noted that problem bears in communities are a different issue that should be addressed separately.
6. The committee will invite members of the YFWMB and the RRCs in the Southern Lakes area (one or two) to the March 5 SLWCC meeting to provide an opportunity to give input into the draft moose recommendations. Relevant staff from the parties will also be invited.
7. Committee meetings are scheduled for January 11, February 5 and March 5.