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MEETING BRIEFING

The SLWCC held a regular meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon on January 11, 2010. The following is a summary of meeting highlights. Detailed minutes are available from the committee.

1. The committee discussed a possible need for an extension to complete their work. The committee will review the work plan at the May 2010 meeting.
2. The committee is in the process of hiring a new chair it is expected the chair will be in place for March 2010.
3. The committee adopted the final recommendations on Southern Lakes caribou. These recommendations will be sent to the parties in January.
4. The committee is working on developing draft moose recommendations.
5. The committee suggests the parties develop a plan to implement the caribou recommendations involving a broader range of participants.
6. The committee will recommend the parties establish a recovery target (i.e. a target population size) for moose. It is recognized that this is a social issue and may have significant implications for peoples' opportunities to harvest moose in the Southern Lakes area.
7. The committee is considering recommending a managed harvest for moose in the Southern Lakes area.
8. The current population estimates for moose in the Southern Lakes area were reviewed. It was noted that new survey information may be needed to support harvest restrictions.
9. The committee is hosting a special meeting March 5, 2010 to provide the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Renewable Resources Councils in the Southern Lakes area, as well as other government fish and wildlife staff from the parties the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft moose recommendations.
10. The committee received a letter from the Dawson District Renewable Resource Council. The council is raising issues related to additional pressure in other areas of the territory if moose harvest in the Southern Lakes is restricted. This is an ongoing concern and will be considered when developing the recommendations.
11. Tom Jung is the new SLWCC member for Yukon government
12. The next committee meeting will be held February 5, 2010.