

SOUTHERN LAKES WILDLIFE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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BRIEFING NOTE

The SLWCC held their regular meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon January 30, 2009. The following is a summary of meeting highlights. Detailed meeting minutes are available from the committee.

- The committee discussed possibility of using total allowable harvest as a management tool in the Southern Lakes area. The committee is looking for direction from Yukon government regarding the use of total allowable harvest.
- The committee discussed the need to verify if current harvest planning for the Atlin herd in British Columbia considers potential harvest by Teslin Tlingit Council.
- Comments on the caribou management recommendations have begun to arrive in the committee office. The committee anticipates receiving all comments by early March.
- Committee members agreed that the work plan needs to be revised to place a greater emphasis on moose and predator management, land management and access. The committee will request an additional year of support from the parties to complete recommendations.
- Guiding principals were established for the use of traditional knowledge by the committee.
- A policy framework of resource based activities has been developed to assist the committee in developing recommendations.
- The committee is currently developing a communication strategy.
- Ramona Maraj, carnivore biologist with Yukon government, provided a summary of the proposed grizzly bear population study for the Southern Lakes area. The committee members will express support for the program through a letter to Environment Yukon.
- The committee is hosting community meetings on moose management in Carcross/Tagish, and Whitehorse in the spring. A meeting was held in Teslin in December 2008.
- The executive secretariat of the committee will be meeting with Chief and Councils, Executive Councils, Land Use Teams, etc. in the spring to discuss moose management. This is in addition to public meetings.
- The moose workshop will be held in May 2009 in Whitehorse.
- The committee set the following dates for meetings in Whitehorse: March 27. Beginning in May meetings will be set for the first Friday of each month.

More information about the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee can be found online, by phone, or directly from the representative in your community.