

## SOUTHERN LAKES WILDLIFE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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### DRAFT BRIEFING NOTE

The SLWCC regular meeting was held in Whitehorse, Yukon on March 27, 2009. The following is a summary of meeting highlights. Detailed minutes are available from the committee.

- The committee is awaiting comments from the parties on the caribou recommendations. There is concern on the delay of the responses from some of the parties as the recommendations were due January 30, 2009.
- In reviewing the three year work plan the committee has identified that it will require additional time to complete their work.
- The committee has sent a letter to Environment Yukon indicating support for the proposed grizzly bear program in the Southern Lakes area.
- The chair met with the Carcross Land Use Team in February to introduce the committee and discuss upcoming moose meetings. The team is interested moose management and would like to see the same momentum behind moose recovery as existed for caribou.
- The chair met with the YFWMB chair and executive director in March. The board is in support of the work of the committee. The board invited the committee to give a presentation at the upcoming April meeting.
- The chair made a presentation to the Laberge Renewable Resources Council on March 9, outlining the work of the committee and the upcoming moose meetings.
- The committee has adopted a communications strategy for their work.
- Environment Yukon will conduct a review of the *Policy Framework of Resource Based Activities for the Southern Lakes area*. Following this review the document will be sent to the parties for their review.
- The committee discussed other information that should be included in the regional wildlife assessment, including traditional knowledge and information from community meetings.
- Environment Yukon will circulate the draft technical assessment for moose to the First Nations parties upon its completion.
- Committee members are in agreement that a document which combines scientific and traditional information, as well as information provided by the community, would provide for a comprehensive moose assessment.
- The committee discussed the upcoming community moose meetings in Carcross and Whitehorse, as well as the moose workshop that will be held in Whitehorse.
- Rob Florkiewicz provided an update on the development of the proposed elk hunt strategy.

- Brian Pelchat provided an update on the Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2009 in Whitehorse.

More information about the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee can be found online at [www.yfwcm.ca/slwcc](http://www.yfwcm.ca/slwcc), by phone, or directly from the representative in your community.