



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-11 February 2021

Location: Katamavik B, Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NT

<u>Board Members:</u> Eddie Erasmus (Tłıchq Appointee) Stu Niven (Federal Appointee) Joseph Judas (Chair) Steve Matthews (GNWT Appointee) Suzanne Carrière (GNWT Appointee) Isabelle Duclos (Federal Appointee) (Zoom)	<u>Staff:</u> Jody Pellissey Aimee Guile Laura Meinert	<u>Interpreters/PIDO:</u> Violet Mackenzie Jonas Lafferty Chris Coomber
<u>Regrets:</u> Chris Football (Tłıchq Appointee) Eddie Chocolate (Tłıchq Appointee) Charlie Jeremick'ca (Tłıchq Appointee)	<u>Guests (via Zoom):</u> Michael Svoboda, ECCC Bruce Laurich, ECCC Lawrence Lewis, FMD-ENR, GNWT Mike Gravel, FMD-ENR, GNWT Fraser Neave, DFO	
	<u>Guests (in-person):</u> Heather Sayine-Crawford, ENR, GNWT	

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.

Opening Prayer & Comments: Joseph Judas

1.0 Agenda and Previous Minutes

1.1 Approval of Agenda

REMOVE Item #1.2 – Approval of Minutes

Motion #746-10-02-2021 To approve the 10-11 February 2021 agenda as amended

Moved: Suzanne Carrière
Second: Steve Matthews

Motion Approved

1.2 Approval of Minutes – 3-4 December 2020

Tabled until next meeting.

1.3 Review of Action Items

Outstanding action items list was tabled and reviewed.

TASR site tour in conjunction with May 2021 meeting; tour entire alignment; view rest area locations, five water crossings, location of permanent maintenance camp, and active quarries; testing for metal leaching.

Wildlife Care Committee (WCC) response, follow national standards for animal care committees when reviewing applications, seek advice on a case-by-case basis (experts and best available information used); recommend inviting Chair of WCC to present during May 2021 meeting.

ACTION #539-10-02-2021 (ED): To follow-up with TG re: Chris Football's appointment.

ACTION #545-10-02-2021 (ED): To invite Wildlife Care Committee Chair for discussion with Board with respect to thresholds of disturbance.

ACTION #557-10-02-2021 (ED): To follow-up with Kiewit Construction to finalize details for May 2021 site tour of the Tłıchq All-Season Road.

2.0 Business

2.1 Review Clarification of Wolf Reasons for Decision Report

On September 4, 2020, the WRRB gave notice that following an initial assessment of the Revised Proposal, the Board determined that a Level 2 review was appropriate, as per its Rule for Management Proposals. The Board conducted its proceeding and closed the record on October 23, 2020. The Board submitted its final Wolf Reasons for Decision Report on January 8, 2021.

On February 3, 2021, TG and GNWT sent a letter to the Board requesting the following: 1) Provide an indication of what alternative method(s) outlined in the Wolf Technical Feasibility Assessment would be supported to supplement ground-based harvest if removal targets are not met.; 2) Provide an extension to respond to the Reasons for Decision Report from February 19, 2021 to March 12, 2021; and, 3) Participate in a meeting of technical staff to help inform TG and GNWT responses to the recommendations, in particular #1-2020, #7-2020, #15-2020, and #17-2020.

Board discussion included: appropriate for TG and GNWT to ask the Board to provide options?; possible to identify options that the Board would not support; Board process led to a change in decision (prior to Wolf proceeding, the Board supported wolf management, during proceeding received information from pilot project and heard from the public, which led to changed decision with respect to some aspects of wolf management), unable to follow full process now to make decision (unable to hear from public and gather/research information), not feasible/premature to provide options; focus on ground-based harvest for next few years before using additional management options; ensure meeting of technical staff focuses on clarifying rationale/intent for recommendations only, no discussion about methods and implementation.

Motion #747-10-02-2021

To 1) not provide an opinion on an alternative method(s) for wolf management at this time, 2) agree to an extension for GNWT and TG to submit a final response until March 12, 2021, and 3) agree to a positive exchange between technical staff to clarify reasons and recommendations from Wolf Reasons for Decision Report

Moved:

Suzanne Carrière

Second:

Steve Matthews

Motion Approved

ACTION #540-10-02-2021 (ED): To write letter to GNWT and TG to agree to an extension and meeting between technical staff but not provide an opinion on alternative methods for wolf management.

2.2 Review & Approval of Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association Special Harvester's Licence Request

A Special Harvesting Licence is the only way for Nunavut harvesters to come into Wek'èezhì to harvest dīga in the Dīga Enhanced Incentive Area. Harvesters in Wek'èezhì have exclusive rights to trap so the Licence allows others to be given permission. Special harvesting licenses can be issued for any species. The licence was granted last year and resulted in 38 dīga harvested in the incentive area contributing to the overall dīga management program.

The Inuit in Nunavut have always traditionally harvested dīga. The Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (KAA) is looking to obtain Special Harvesting Licenses for Nunavut Indigenous People to allow them to hunt dīga in the Northwest Territories to contribute to the efforts of the GNWT in increasing adult survival rates in caribou, while receiving the incentives from the Enhanced Incentive Program. KAA is also looking for permission to harvest wolverine in the enhanced incentive area as they are a prized fur and predator of caribou. They acknowledge that this will be an opportunistic harvest and not the purpose of travel to the area.

Motion #748-10-02-2021

To support the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association's request for a Special Harvesters Licence for wolves and wolverine in 2021

Moved:

Steve Matthews

Second:

Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

ACTION #541-10-02-2021 (ED): To write letter to KAA to provide support for a Special Harvesters Licence for wolves and wolverine in 2021.

2.3 Review & Approval of Extension of 2019 Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou Proceedings Recommendations

On June 14, 2019 and October 4, 2019, respectively, the WRRB submitted its Kqk'ëetı & Sahti Ekwò Reasons for Decision Reports to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Tłıchq Government (TG). The determinations and recommendations in the reports are valid for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 harvest seasons. A population survey for the Kqk'ëetı & Sahti Ekwò herds were to be conducted in June 2020; however, due to Covid-19 restrictions, permits for Nunavut were not obtained, and the surveys were not conducted. The population surveys have been rescheduled for June 2021.

Since a revised population estimate is not available for either Kqk'ëetı or Sahti Ekwò herds, GNWT and TG did not submit a joint management proposal outlining any proposed changes to the current management actions in place for either herd in 2020. It is recommended that the Board provide a revised set of recommendations for the 2021/2022 harvesting season in light of the current circumstances.

Sahti Ekwò

- 1) That a total allowable harvest for all users of the Sahti ekwò herd within Wek'ëezhıı remain at 193, bulls only, for the 2021/2022 harvest season.
- 2) That the proportional allocation of the total allowable harvest of the Sahti ekwò herd remain as follows for the 2021/2022 harvest season:
 - Tłıchq Citizens: 39.29% (76 animals)
 - Members of an Indigenous people who traditionally harvest Sahti ekwò (includes Nunavut): 60.71% (117 animals)
- 3) That Recommendations #1-2019 to #9-2019 and #11-2019 to #16-2019 should remain in place.
- 4) That Recommendation #10-2019 should be undertaken by June 2021, as Covid-19 restriction allow.

Kqk'ëetı Ekwò

- 1) That a total allowable harvest for all users of the Kqk'ëetı ekwò herd within Wek'ëezhıı remain at zero for the 2021/2022 harvest season.
- 2) That Recommendations #1-2019 to #12-2019 and #14-2019 to #18-2019 remain in place.
- 3) That Recommendation #13-2019 should be undertaken by June 2021, as Covid-19 restrictions allow.

Motion #749-10-02-2021 *To accept the staff recommendations as present for the Sahti Ekwo*

Moved:
Second:

Stu Niven
Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

Motion #750-10-02-2021 *To accept the staff recommendations as presented for the Kqk'ëetı Ekwo*

Moved:

Steve Matthews

Second:

Stu Niven

Motion Approved

ACTION #542-10-02-2021 (ED): To write letter to GNWT and TG to provide the revised Kók'èetı & Sahti Ekwò herds determinations and recommendations.

SRRB's Colville Lake 2020 Public Listening Report and Reasons for Decision

On November 9, 2020, the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) released their public listening report and reasons for decision, entitled "*Sahtú Ragóʔa (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Report and Reasons for Decision*".

On January 25, 2021, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC-NWT) sent a letter to the Minister of ENR noting, among other items, their concern about the implications of the community self-regulation approach on the collaborative relationship between members of the ACCWM, and in the longer term, on the effectiveness of the cooperative wildlife co-management process in the NWT.

On January 29, 2021, the Minister of ENR provided response to the SRRB's recommendations. While the Minister recognized the value and importance of community-based initiatives to the overall management of wildlife in the NWT and remained supportive of community conservation plans as a part of overall caribou management efforts, it was noted that it is important for the SRRB and Minister of ENR to continue to have discretion to propose and implement harvest regulations. Further, there remains a need for an overall coordinated approach to wildlife management and harvest management.

2.4 Review & Approval of Mobile Zone Regulation Amendment

The *Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone Regulations* identifies a wildlife management area that prohibits all hunting of barren-ground caribou under the *Wildlife Act* to help conserve the Bathurst caribou herd. The Mobile Zone has never overlapped with other ecotypes of caribou, such as boreal caribou. However, GNWT must ensure that the zone can be applied wherever it is needed and apply to any type of caribou found within it.

In August 2020, the GNWT requested to change the current regulation by removing the term "barren-ground". This change ensures that the regulation will apply to all types of caribou. The WRRB supported the proposed amendments to remove term "barren-ground" from Sections 1, 2(1), and 2(2) of the regulation in September 2020. GNWT has now drafted the regulation amendment for the Mobile Zone. Legal counsel has reviewed the draft and has no concerns.

Motion #751-10-02-2021 *To approve the Mobile Zone regulation amendment as presented*

Moved:

Steve Matthews

Second:

Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

ACTION #543-10-02-2021 (ED): To write letter to GNWT to approve the Mobile Zone regulation amendment.

2.5 Review & Approval of Wildlife Research Permit Application – Monitoring of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly Caribou Herds

The ENR's North Slave Regional Office has submitted a Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application regarding the monitoring of the Kòk'èetì (Bathurst), Sahti (Bluenose East), and Beverly ekwò (caribou) herds; this is an ongoing program. The Board approved calving ground photo surveys planned for June 2020. This survey was not carried out due to COVID-19 restrictions and were postponed to June 2021.

The WRP application requests support for the following monitoring actions from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022: 1) Continued use of satellite collars to monitor the movement and distribution of migrating caribou. ENR plans to maintain up to 70 collars on the Kòk'èetì and Sahti ekwò (50 on cows and 20 on bulls). ENR plans to maintain up to 50 collars on the Beverly herd (30 on cows and 20 on bulls). It is currently estimated that approximately 35 collars will be deployed over the three herds by mid-April 2022 to bring the collar total to 70; 2) July 2021 calf:cow composition survey. Used to determine calf mortality; 3) Fall sex-ratio survey (October 2021); 4) Late-winter calf survival/spring recruitment surveys (March-April 2022) to measure annual calf survival for the three herds, and to compare herd trends; and 5) June 2021 composition surveys. Rescheduled from June 2020. This work is occurring in Nunavut.

Motion #738-03-12-2020

To approve the Wildlife Research Permit Application, entitled "Monitoring of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly Caribou Herds", as presented

Moved:

Stu Niven

Second:

Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

ACTION #544-10-02-2021 (ED): To write a letter to GNWT to approve the WRP Application, entitled "Monitoring of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly Caribou Herds".

2.6 Review & Approval of Wood Bison Regulation Amendment

On August 10, 2020, ENR submitted a management proposal to the WRRB to amend the Big Game Hunting Regulations under the Wildlife Act to reopen harvesting opportunities on wood bison in the Mackenzie population. The management proposal, for Fall 2020 to March 2024 proposed a harvest of 40 male bison only. All harvesters would require a tag and initial allocation to

communities/management authorities would be based on MBWG recommendations.

Based upon the recovery of the Mackenzie wood bison population, planned population monitoring, and that harvesting follows what was recommended in the MBMP, the Board approved the Management Proposal with the understanding that new population estimates will be gathered before a new harvest proposal is submitted to the Board. GNWT has now drafted the regulation amendments necessary to reopen harvesting of wood bison in the Mackenzie population. Legal counsel has reviewed the draft and has no concerns.

Motion #756-11-02-2021 *To approve the Wood Bison regulation amendment as presented*

Moved: Eddie Erasmus
Second: Stu Niven

Motion Approved

ACTION #549-11-02-2021 (ED): To write letter to GNWT to approve the Wood Bison regulation amendment.

2.7 Review & Approval of Wildlife Research Permit Application – Mackenzie Bison Collaring Program 2021 – AMENDMENT

On November 25, 2020, ENR submitted a Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application to the WRRB, proposing a collaring program on the Mackenzie Wood Bison subpopulation, with collaring deployments occurring in February and March 2021. This program involved darting and anesthetizing ejie and then waking them up with another drug combination. ENR received a Wildlife Care Committee (WCC) permit for this work. On December 3, 2020, the WRRB approved this WRP (Motion #741-04-12-2020).

On February 3, 2021, ENR informed WRRB staff that they have been unable to obtain the drugs required for the collaring work and are submitting an amended WRP Application to capture the ejie with a net-gun in order to collar them. The only change to the permit has been replacing chemical anesthetizing with net-gunning.

Board staff have been informed that a NWT Wildlife Care Committee (WCC) permit has been applied for, but that ENR does not yet have an active WCC permit which includes changes to the methods. Board staff have confirmed that ENR does have a Standard Operating Procedure for net-gunning bison, and that crew experienced in net-gunning bison will be employed in the work.

Motion #753-10-02-2021 *To approve the Wildlife Research Permit Application, entitled “Mackenzie Bison Collaring Program 2021 - AMENDMENT”, as presented*

Moved: Suzanne Carrière
Second: Stu Niven

Motion Approved

ACTION #546-10-02-2021 (ED): To write a letter to GNWT to approve the WRP Application, entitled “Mackenzie Bison Collaring Program 2021 – AMENDMENT”.

2.8 Review & Approval of WRRB Membership to NWT Council of Invasive Species, Pests, and Pathogens

The development of the Northwest Territories Council on Invasive Species, Pests, and Pathogens (NWT CISPP) is being led by the GNWT in collaboration with a working group consisting of representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Industry Tourism and Investment and WRRB staff. This was a result of the 2018 NWT Pests, Pathogens, and Invasive Species Symposium.

Once established, the Council will be a multi-stakeholder non-profit society whose members all have an interest in invasive species, pests, and/or pathogens and the role and/or impact these organisms may have on the NWT's environment, economy, and people. WRRB staff are currently representing renewable resources boards across the NWT through participation in the working group and contributions developing the terms of reference, bylaws, constitution, and visual identity for NWTCISPP. An “application for incorporation” under the *Societies Act* has been submitted and the GNWT has formally extended an invitation to become a member of NWTCISPP and is looking for the name of a designated representative. It is recommended that Aimee Guile be put forward as the WRRB's designated member of NWTCISPP. The WRRB may put forward multiple names; Stu Niven noted interest to become member.

Motion #755-10-02-2021 *To support the WRRB membership on the NWT CISPP as presented*

Moved:	Stu Niven
Second:	Eddie Erasmus
Abstain:	Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #548-10-02-2021 (ED): To write a letter to GNWT to support WRRB membership on the NWT CISPP.

2.9 Review & Approval of Batch 7 – NWT General Status Ranking Program

The NWT General Status Ranking Program has been compiling official species lists for the NWT and ranking the general status of species using a simple set of categories. The program is part of the *Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk in Canada* and is done in coordination with the Government of Canada, wildlife co-management boards, and all provincial and territorial governments in Canada. The WRRB is being consulted on the species to be included in the *NWT Species 2021-2025*, which is to be published by early 2021. The consultation is occurring in seven “batches” of species. Batches 1-6 were reviewed by the Board at previous meetings. Batch 7 has been provided to the Board for review and

approval. Batch 7 includes mosses, bees, and water mites. There are 137 bee species and 495 moss species.

Motion #757-11-02-2021 *To approve Batch 7 of the NWT General Status Ranking Program as presented*

Moved:	Steve Matthews
Second:	Stu Niven
Abstain:	Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #550-11-02-2021 (ED): To write a letter to ENR to approve Batch 7 of the NWT General Status Ranking Program.

2.10 Review of Grizzly Bear/Wolverine Biological and Management Feasibility Working Group Terms of Reference

The Grizzly Bear and Wolverine Biological and Management Feasibility Working Group (the Working group) is being organized to meet the recommendations of the WRRB. These recommendations called for a grizzly bear biological assessment to be completed in order to summarize current information on grizzly bear abundance, movement, and diet for the Sahtì (Bluenose East) and Kòk'èetì (Bathurst) ekwò (caribou) herds' seasonal ranges.

The Working Group has completed a draft biological assessment of grizzly bears and has identified management techniques that may be implemented on the range of the Kòk'èetì and Sahtì ekwò herds. The Working Group is requesting a change to its original draft Terms of Reference to remove the requirement that the group "assess the technical management feasibility, costs, and potential effectiveness" of the different grizzly bear and wolverine management techniques that may be implemented. Board Staff believe the current draft assessment fulfills the requirements of the WRRB measures that are directed towards it.

The Biological and Feasibility Assessment and Working Group Terms of Reference are still draft documents. Final versions of the documents will be provided to the Board for approval at a later date.

ACTION #551-11-02-2021 (ED): To write a letter to Grizzly Bear/Wolverine Biological and Management Feasibility Working Group to support the recommended changes to the terms of reference.

2.11 Conference of Management Authorities Items

a) Review & Approval of Barren-ground Caribou Recovery Strategy Implementation and Bat Management Plan Implementation

In July 2018, little brown myotis and northern myotis bats were listed as special concern under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*. The *Bat Management Plan* was completed in April 2020 and made public by the Minister of ENR in July 2020.

In the NWT, barren-ground caribou (Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, Bluenose-East, Bathurst, Beverly, Ahlak, and Qamanirjuaq herds) were added to the NWT List of Species at Risk as Threatened in July 2018. The *Barren-ground Caribou Recovery Strategy* was completed in April 2020 and made public by the Minister of ENR in July 2020.

After a management plan or recovery strategy is completed, the next step is to come to agreement on how it will be implemented. This can be done by the CMA through a consensus agreement on implementation. Such a consensus agreement could include the actions Management Authorities agree to take towards implementation, as well as any other matter that the CMA considers necessary or advisable. The CMA must complete the consensus agreement on implementation within nine months after the management plan or recovery strategy is completed. The consensus agreements will be finalized during the upcoming February 2021 CMA meeting and signed off in April 2021.

Motion #758-11-02-2021 *To approve the draft consensus agreements on implementation for barren-ground caribou recovery strategy and bat management plan as presented*

Moved:
Second:

Steve Matthews
Isabelle Duclos

Motion Approved

ACTION #552-11-02-2021 (ED): To inform the CMA of the WRRB's approval of the draft consensus agreements on implementation for barren-ground caribou recovery strategy and bat management plan.

b) Review of Implementation Activities Progress for Boreal Caribou and Amphibians

Implementation summary tables for boreal caribou, wood bison, and amphibians tabled for review by the Board Members.

ACTION #553-11-02-2021 (ED): To forward implementation activities summaries for boreal caribou and amphibians to the CMA.

2.12 Party Updates

a) Environment & Climate Change Canada

i) Pan Canadian Approach Presentation, Michael Svoboda

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled "*Implementing the Pan-Canadian Approach for Canada's Priority Species*", tabled

Discussions included: Cabinet has identified being more flexible in identifying priorities and providing funding in addition to traditional funding processes and public calls; flagging interest of WRRB to be involved, already involve GNWT, but can include an indigenous perspective to be more regionally relevant.

ii) Review & Approval to Post Yellow-banded Bumble Bee Management Plan and Evening Grosbeak Management Plan to SARA Registry, Bruce Laurich

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Evening Grosbeak – Summary of the Draft Management Plan*”, tabled

Discussion included: Evening Grosbeak found in Wek’èezhì? GNWT provided information that extended the range further north towards Yellowknife, overlap with southwest portion of Wek’èezhì.

Motion #754-10-02-2021 *To approve the posting of the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee & Evening Grosbeak Management Plans to the SARA Registry for 60-day comment period*

Moved:	Eddie Erasmus
Second:	Stu Niven
Abstain:	Isabelle Duclos

Motion Approved

ACTION #547-10-02-2021 (ED): To write to ECCC to approve the posting of the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee and Evening Grosbeak Management Plans to the SARA registry.

b) Forest Management Division – North Slave Forest Management Overview, Lawrence Lewis & Mike Gravel

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*North Slave Forest Management Overview*”, tabled

Discussions included: Forest Act work to begin again in March 2021; good to know what factors are considered when deciding what fires to fight, i.e. caribou habitat, critical caribou habitat maps at the fire lab included in decision making.

c) Fisheries & Oceans Canada – TASR Fisheries Management Plan Update, Fraser Neave

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Tłıchq All Season Highway Fisheries Management Plan – Status Update*”, tabled

d) Environment & Natural Resources – Wildlife Division Overview, Heather Sayine-Crawford

ENR Wildlife and Fish Division HEADQUARTERS UPDATE February 2021 tabled

Discussions included: collaring for barren-ground caribou started at beginning of February (6 collars), collars went out on 4 bulls and 2 cows before the weather got too cold, 94 collars to go out, three herds (Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly) overlapped, will not be able to assign collars until calving; 23 collars on

wolves, early March deployment, wolf abundance survey for March 2021 (WRP application to be submitted by Friday); population survey in June 2021.

3.0 Financial

3.1 Review & Approval of 2021/2022 Budget and Work Plan

2021/2022 Budget and Work Plan tabled

Additions to work plan include species at risk and CISPP.

Motion #759-11-02-2021 *To approve the 2021/2022 budget and work plan as amended*

Moved: Suzanne Carrière
Second: Steve Matthews

Motion Approved

ACTION #554-11-02-2021 (ED): To send 2021/2022 budget and work plan to CIRNAC.

3.2 Review & Approval of Financial Statement as of 31 December 2020

Motion #760-11-02-2021 *To approve the 31 December 2020 financial statement as presented*

Moved: Suzanne Carrière
Second: Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

4.0 Operations

4.1 Review & Approval of WRRB Inclusivity Policy

Diversity and Inclusivity Policy tabled

Motion #761-11-02-2021 *To approve the Diversity and Inclusivity Policy as amended*

Moved: Stu Niven
Second: Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #555-11-02-2021 (ED): To add diversity and inclusivity policy to WRRB Operating Procedures Manual.

4.2 Exposure Control Plan – Appendix B Update

WRRB Covid-19 Exposure Control Plan with completed Appendix B tabled for Board Member review.

4.3 In-Camera Session

Motion #762-11-02-2021 *To go in-camera at 2:30 p.m.*

Moved: Steve Matthews
Second: Stu Niven

Motion Approved

Motion #763-11-02-2021 *To come out-of-camera at 3:00 p.m.*

Moved: Stu Niven
Second: Steve Matthews

Motion Approved

Motion #764-11-02-2021 *To approve the 2% salary increase for Jody Pellissey, as of January 1, 2021*

Moved: Suzanne Carrière
Second: Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

ACTION #556-11-02-2021 (HR Committee): To finalize Executive Director Performance Appraisal by February 19, 2021.

5.0 Information Items

5.1 Working Group Table

Tabled for review by the Board Members.

5.2 Permit Tracking Table

Tabled for review by the Board Members.

5.3 Communications Update, Shalyn Norrish

Tabled for review by the Board Members. Board members approved the used of photos for Queen's University outreach project (Carolyn Bonta and Angus Smith). Noted that calendar photos should represent the month (frogs in summer) and ensure photos and text are not blurry, use darker font.

5.4 Other Updates

Tabled for review by the Board Members: Bathurst Caribou Management Plan, ACCWM Annual Status Meeting Update, Barren-ground Caribou Technical Working Group, Tłıchq All-Season Road Work.

6.0 Other Items

6.1 Round Table

Board Members thanked one another, interpreters, PIDO, and Staff for a productive, safe, and informative meeting with lots of good discussion. Members worked well together, teaching, and learning from one another. Looking forward to returning to Tłıchq communities for meetings when it is safe. Noted that Steve Matthews has been reappointed to the Board for another five-year term.

6.2 Next Meeting

The next meeting is for May 2021 in Yellowknife in conjunction with TASR site tour.

Closing Prayer: Joseph Judas

Adjournment: 3:54 p.m. (Motion #765-11-02-2021)

Minutes Approved:

ORIGINAL SIGNED

May 25, 2021

Chairperson

Date