

**TORNGAT WILDLIFE & PLANTS CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24-25, 2015**

Minutes of the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board meeting scheduled March 24-25, 2015, Parks Canada Board Room in Nain, Nunatsiavut.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Sparkes, Chairperson	Henry Lyall
Doug Blake	Frank Phillips
Ross Firth	Ron Webb

REGRETS: Colin Carroll

ALSO PRESENT:

Edouard Belanger, MSc Candidate, Laval University	Jamie Snook, Executive Director
Aaron Dale, Policy Analyst	Bev White, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager	Bryn Wood, GIS Analyst
	Jordan York, Lakehead Polar Bear TEK Researcher

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Bev White, Executive Assistant.

MEETING CONVENED

A quorum being present, Ron Sparkes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., initiating introductions.

Edouard Belanger MSc Student, Laval University

Overhead presentation titled "Space use, habitat selection and survival of the Torngat Mountains Caribou"

E. Belanger, MSc Student, Laval University, discussed the presentation with the Board.

The following points were made:

- the cover picture on the presentation should be of a Torngat Mountains Caribou
- ice coverage could be an important variable that may not be easily measured, if at all
- August to December 2016 is the expected timeline for completion of E. Belanger's study.

Preparation for meeting with President Leo

J. Snook, Executive Director, and the Board discussed having Caribou as the main topic during the meeting with President Leo, scheduled for the afternoon of March 25, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting held March 24 -25, 2015 adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on Day 1, March 24, 2015; and determined to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2, March 25, 2015.

**TORNGAT WILDLIFE & PLANTS CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24-25, 2015**

Minutes of the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board meeting scheduled March 24-25, 2015, Parks Canada Board Room in Nain, Nunatsiavut.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Sparkes, Chairperson	Henry Lyall
Doug Blake	Frank Phillips
Ross Firth	Ron Webb

REGRETS: Colin Carroll

ALSO PRESENT:

Rosamond Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer (via teleconference)	Jamie Snook, Executive Director
Edouard Belanger, MSc Candidate, Laval University	Bev White, Executive Assistant
Aaron Dale, Policy Analyst	Bryn Wood, GIS Analyst
Jennifer Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager	Jordan York, Lakehead Polar Bear TEK Researcher

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Bev White, Executive Assistant.

MEETING CONVENED

A quorum being present, Ron Sparkes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

Record of Decision

That the Agenda for the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting scheduled March 25, 2015 be adopted as amended:

- Discuss Meeting Preparation with the Nunatsiavut Government on March 24, 2015
- Discuss Edouard Belanger's presentation on March 24, 2015
- Discuss topics as time allows

CONSENSUS ACHIEVED (TWPCB-01)

Review and Adoption of Minutes from Last Meeting

Record of Decision

The minutes from the TWPCB meeting held October 22-23, 2014 were adopted as presented:

CONSENSUS ACHIEVED (TWPCB-02)

The minutes from the TWPCB teleconference held December 18, 2014 were adopted as presented:

Caribou GIS Presentation

Overhead Presentation titled "Geographic Information Systems Overview Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board March 25, 2015 Nain"

B. Wood, GIS Analyst, discussed the presentation with the Board.

UPCART Update

Briefing Note titled "Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Roundtable"

A. Dale, Policy Analyst, discussed the briefing note with the Board. The Board would like A. Dale, Policy Analyst, to work with UPCART as a technical writer.

The following points were made during discussion:

- UPCART continues to work on a management plan without including provincial governments.
- NL and Quebec governments have expressed a willingness to work together with UPCART.

Presentation of Final TMCH Census Report

Document titled "First scientific data on herd size and population dynamics of the Torngat Mountains caribou herd"

Briefing Note titled "Torngat Mountains Caribou Herd (TMCH) draft census report"

J. Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager, discussed the report with the Board. The Board is satisfied with the report and would like it finalized once an acknowledgement is included that input from the TWPCB was critical, acknowledging that the project wouldn't have happened without the Board's involvement. The Board would like the Secretariat to estimate the cost of implementing Serge Couturier's, Consultant, recommendations he made in the report.

Request for Action (TWPCB-01)

It was requested that the Secretariat determine a cost estimate of carrying out the recommendations made by Serge Couturier, Consultant, in the TMCH census report.

The Board would like to have a discussion during its next meeting on how best to go about sharing information such as final reports.

Request for Action (TWPCB-02)

It was requested that the Secretariat add to the next meeting agenda a discussion on information sharing guidelines.

Health Break: The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

TMCH Jurisdictional Analysis

Briefing Note titled "Torngat Caribou Roles and Responsibilities"

A. Dale, Policy Analyst, discussed the briefing note with the Board.

TMCH TAH Process Discussion

Briefing Note titled "Torngat Mountain Caribou Herd (TMCH) Recommendation Process"

A. Dale, Policy Analyst, discussed the briefing note with the Board. The following action items are a result of the discussion.

Request for Action (TWPCB-03)

It was requested that A. Dale, Policy Analyst, prepare a flow chart outlining the Board's steps in the process.

Request for Action (TWPCB-04)

It was requested that the Board share its analysis, a summary of the legal opinion, the survey, and the traditional knowledge study with the Torngat Mountains National Park Co-operative Management Board (CMB), the Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Environment Canada and Parks Canada. It is also recommended that the Board invite representation from each organization to attend a meeting of the TWPCB as a way to give feedback on the information.

Request for Action (TWPCB-05)

It was requested that the Board prepare a recommendation on a total allowable harvest (TAH) of the TMCH to the Provincial Government's Minister of Environment and Conservation, copying the chairs of the UPCART, requesting a follow up meeting with the Minister.

Request for Action (TWPCB-06)

It was requested that the Secretariat research and consider consultation processes that have been most successful for other co-management boards.

The Board discussed how it would like to open discussion with President Leo.

Lunch Break: The meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting with the NG

Minutes were not recorded during the meeting.

Work Plan and Financial Update

Overhead Presentation titled "14-15 Work Plan Update Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board March 25, 2015 Nain, Nunatsiavut"

Overhead Presentation titled "Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-Management Board Expenditure report March 18, 2015"

Overhead Presentation titled "Torngat Secretariat Statement of Expenses March 18, 2015"

J. Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager, discussed the presentation with the Board.

R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, joined the meeting via teleconference.

R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, discussed the presentations with the Board.

It was mentioned during discussion that the Secretariat is looking into purchasing clothing (such as jackets and shirts) for the staff and Board members as a way to show representation at work functions

and events. The Board members prefer not to have jackets but they have no issue with the Secretariat staff having them.

R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, departed the meeting.

Jordan York Polar Bear TEK Presentation

Overhead Presentation titled "Labrador Polar Bear Traditional Ecological Knowledge Report by Jordan York"

J. York, Polar Bear TEK Researcher, discussed the presentation with the Board.

It was noted by a Board member that the report would be better understood if it noted that Peacock's study was held in 2007 and finalized in 2013, as opposed to referring only to 2013 as the study date. The report could be misinterpreted that the study was held in 2013.

One Board member commented on some of the grammatical issues with English/Inuktitut translations in the report. It was suggested that J. York, Polar Bear TEK Researcher, speak with William Barbour in Nain to ask if he can assist with correcting the issues as well as asking him for information on polar bear dens.

One Board member noted that the report states that polar bears feed mostly on harp seals. This is inconsistent with the observations of Board members in Northern Nunatsiavut.

Next Meeting Discussion

Briefing Note titled "Location and Date for the Next TWPCB Meeting"

The next meeting of the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board is tentatively scheduled for June 17-19, 2015 in North West River, NL. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board.

Update on March 18 meeting with Minister Crummell

Briefing Note titled "Meeting with the Minister of Environment and Conservation"

R. Sparkes, Chairperson, discussed the briefing note with the Board.

In Camera

The Board participated in an in camera session. Minutes were not recorded during the discussion.

Conclusion

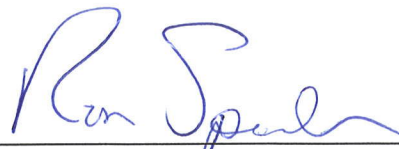
The Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting held March 25, 2015 concluded at 5:00 p.m.

* * * * *

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting held March 25, 2015 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption at the Regular Meeting held September 8-9, 2015.



Bev White, Recording Secretary



Ron Sparkes, Chairperson