

TORNGAT WILDLIFE & PLANTS CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD

June 18, 2015

Minutes of the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board meeting scheduled June 18, 2015, North West River, NL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Sparkes, Chairperson
Doug Blake
Colin Carroll

Ross Firth
Frank Phillips
Ron Webb

REGRETS:

Henry Lyall

ALSO PRESENT:

Aaron Dale, Policy Analyst
Jamie Snook, Executive Director

Bev White, Executive Assistant

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Bev White, Executive Assistant.

MEETING CONVENED

A quorum being present, Ron Sparkes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

George River Caribou Herd Discussion

Document titled "George River Caribou Information Update May 2015 Newfoundland and Labrador Environment & Conservation"

The document has been sent to Boards and aboriginal leaders from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador seeking responses (within 30 days) in preparation for community consultations.

When the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador implemented the closure it committed to review the closure after 2 years. The government is beginning its review and this process is a part of that review. The Nunatsiavut Government has requested public consultations be hosted in Nunatsiavut communities.

The Board agrees it doesn't have evidence to support any type of hunt at the current time. Considering the Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table (UPCART) is preparing a management plan, the Board would like to recommend status quo of the provincial hunting ban for the interim and suggest another review of the ban be held after UPCART's management plan is presented.

The Board would also like the opportunity to review the UPCART's management plan once it's drafted.

Request for Action (TWPCB-01)

It was requested the Secretariat prepare a recommendation that states the Board's support of continuing the provincial closure of the caribou harvest until UPCART has presented a management plan. The Board also suggests reviewing the province's closure of the caribou hunt after UPCART's management plan has been presented.

Moose

J. Snook, Executive Director, discussed with the Board a topic held at a previous meeting regarding the Board working with the province's department of Environment and Conservation on a moose survey methodology. To date, there has been little progress. R. Firth, Board member, suggests J. Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager, initiate discussion with John Pisapio, Senior Biologist, Wildlife Division. J. Snook, Executive Director, recommends Jim Goudie, Wildlife Manager, Nunatsiavut Government, be included in the discussions.

Request for Action (TWPCB-01)

It was requested that J. Mitchell-Foley, Wildlife and Plants Research Program Manager, contact J. Pisapio, Senior Biologist, Wildlife Division, regarding working together on a moose survey methodology, and include J. Goudie, Wildlife Manager, Nunatsiavut Government.

Conclusion

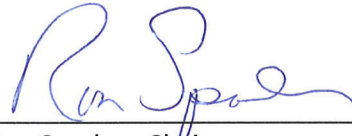
The Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting held June 18, 2015 concluded at 12:17 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Meeting held June 18, 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