

**Alesk Renewable Resource Council  
Regular Meeting 09-08  
10 November 2008  
6:30 p.m. ARRC Office**

**Participants:**

**Paul Birckel- Chair**

**Patt Delaney**

**Boyd Campbell**

**Wade Istchenko**

**Greg Eikland**

**Lorne Larocque- YG**

**Shawn Taylor- YG**

**Linaya Workman- CAFN**

**Elwyn Griffith**

**Chuck Hume**

**Susan Desjardins-Recorder**

**Review and Approve Agenda**

**Motion 01-09-08** – Greg moves to accept Agenda 09-08 with the addition of a bison discussion with Linaya Workman. Boyd seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Alesk Renewable Resource Council “In Camera” from 6:35 to 7:20**

**Bison**

Recommendations put forward by the Bison Technical Team to allow for bison harvest for bison habituating the highway corridor was rejected by YG. The status quo will be continued that any bison along the highway can only be dealt with by the CO’s and Linaya/ Mike. A recommendation was put forward by the Bison Technical Team to have a permit fall bison hunt starting August 1/09, and this has been accepted and will be implemented as a result of the Adaptive Management regulation. An open season will continue during the winter hunt. It is understood that YG remains confident that 200 bison will be harvested during the 2008-09 winter season.

**Bear Meeting Follow-Up**

Lorne and Shawn presented bear –human conflict information at the public bear meeting October 20/ 08. This information was well received and the partners will move forward and begin working with individual communities. The Grizzly Bear population study was not quite as well received and community individuals still questioned the reasons for it. There are also concerns around traditional/ ethical aspects of this study. Though a population study is within the draft plan, at this time it seems that the community is uncomfortable with collaring and the procedures associated with it. A DNA Grid will give a density estimate (the estimated number of animals in a given area) and the community seems to be more accepting of this sort of study. Ramona has told the community that the resident grizzly bear population may be decreasing, as resident bears are hunted, but that bears killed as defense kills are increasing, also stated was that grizzly bears are sensitive to human development and may be displaced as a result. The Council sees that a Land Use Plan for the Champagne Aishihik Traditional Territory and continued education around living with bears would be the more effective action at this time.

**Motion 02-09-08-** Wade moves that Council supports work in the CATT that focuses on bear-human conflict and education at this time. Council recognizes that a Grizzly Bear population study is listed in the draft CATT-Integrated Wildlife Management Plan, but at this time notes that there is not the support needed from the community to realize this. Council is unable to support a Grizzly Bear population study at this time. Boyd seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Action Item 01-09-08-** Susan will draft a letter to YG regarding the Grizzly Bear population study and the bear-human conflict work.

### **Doug Clarke- Support Request**

Council reviewed the email from Doug Clarke requesting support in-kind and in principle for him to apply for a research development initiative grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Fund of Canada. This grant will be used towards building relationships with participants from the Southwest Yukon and Kivalliq region of Nunavut, to prepare for a longer term research project. The research project will a case study of co-management practices, a comparison, of bison in the Yukon and polar bears in Western Hudson Bay.

**Action Item 02-09-08-** Susan will let Doug know that the Alsek RRC does support him on his draft research proposal: Effects of Environmental Change on Northern Wildlife Co-Management Regimes. A support letter will be sent to Doug as requested.

### **2020 Symposium**

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board has offered to come in to Yukon communities in partnership with the corresponding RRC, to hold mini-2020 Symposiums. Alsek RRC is keen to hold one as soon as possible. Susan will contact Graham to set up a date. Suggested dates were the first week of December in particular Wednesday December 3/08.

**Action Item 03-09-08-** Susan will contact Graham at the YFWMB and request a 2020 Symposium be held in Haines Junction, December 3, 2008.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

**Motion 03-09-08-** Wade moves to accept Minutes 07-08 as presented. Patt seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

### **Finance and Administration**

Council remains in a positive financial position. Contribution funding has been received from YTG.

**Submitted by:**

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Executive Director

Approved by:

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Chair

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Other Member

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