

SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area
Steering Committee Meeting
Tagish Community Centre
February 14th, 2017

Attendees|

Steering Committee Members:

Mark Wedge CTFN · **Georgianna Low** CTFN · **Frank James** CTFN · **Margaret Campbell** CWS ·
Nathalie Lowry CWS · **Todd Powell** ENV

Observers|

Randy Taylor CTRRC · **Paul Dabbs** TAC

Other Staff|

Neil McGrath ENV

Regrets|

Albert James CTFN · **Matt Clarke** ENV

Welcome

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Agenda**
- **Updates**

Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resource Council (CTRRC)

- Cisco project complete. There was a difference found between cisco in Tagish River/Lake and Nares in size and age. Looking at DNA samples next year to help distinguish them.

Tagish Advisory Council (TAC) and the Tagish Local Area Planning Process (TLAP)

- The TAC recently discussed the Tagish River HPA planning process. The TAC will mostly likely review both plans once they are ready and make individual responses.
- The TLAP survey has three questions directly related to Tagish River HPA. Responses from these should be reviewed by the Steering Committee.

Yukon government

- Yukon government recently received comments from a part-time resident of Tagish that they felt the planning process was not open and was already predetermined by the Steering Committee.
- The response detailed the opportunities for public to provide input including the event that have been held so far, as well as regular Steering Committee meetings.

Environment Canada (EC) – Canadian Wildlife Service

- Still looking into the EC internal approval process, may have to have the management plan signed by an ADM to match the YG approval process. Not certain

at this point. The technical review goes to Yukon Federal Council that circulates the plan through various federal departments internally.

- **Creative Community Meeting Review and Plan Drafting**

The Steering Committee discussed the community engagement meeting outcome and what was heard and what needs to be considered in management plan drafting. The Steering Committee then discussed in detail the graphic, pictures, formatting, framing, design of the plan and audiences. This included putting the Elder statement up front, a focus on the medicine wheel and inclusion of the Final Agreement schedule. Also a focus right up front that primary concern is sustaining the function of the habitat of the Tagish River.

- **Next Steps**

- Edits made to the update letter to Tagish residents. Ready to finalize after those edits.

- **Closing Thoughts**