

## SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Edgewater Hotel Boardroom - Whitehorse  
September 19, 2017 10am-3pm

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### Attendees|

#### Steering Committee Members:

Mark Wedge CTFN · Georgianna Low CTFN · Nathalie Lowry CWS · Margaret Campbell CWS ·  
Matt Clarke ENV · Albert James CTFN · Frank James CTFN

#### Observers|

Paul Dabbs TAC

#### Other Staff|

Tess McLeod ENV · Tomoko Hagio EMR

#### Regrets|

Randy Taylor CTRRC · Todd Powell ENV

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### Welcome

### Opening Prayer

### Approval of Agenda

**Approval of Minutes-** August 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved

### Updates

- Tagish River Recreation site – boat launch.
  - A letter was send from the Steering Committee to Environment Yukon about improvements to the site.
  - The response from Environment Yukon was reviewed.
- Coordination with the Local Area Planning (LAP) committee on wildlife corridor.
  - The wildlife corridor and draft maps were discussed. Next steps will include meeting with CTFN Lands staff to discuss this corridor and how it might impact future development and how it fits into a broader discussion on wildlife movement in the region.
  - The idea will be to include a policy direction in the Tagish River HPA draft plan.

- There are concerns regarding wildlife interactions with domestic animals in Tagish and the potential impacts on wildlife populations. Environment Yukon will follow up on any work being done on this topic.
- There is also interest in looking into expanding the boundary of the HPA to incorporate the wetland area at the mouth of Marsh Lake.
- Legal framework discussion.
  - a meeting will be coordinated between the parties to discuss options and opportunities regarding joint legislation

### **Tagish River HPA plan drafting**

#### **Status of the current draft:**

- The plan is currently made up of three sections
  - Section one - The Story of the Tagish River
  - Section two- Goals and Objectives
  - Section three- Implementation Measures
- For section one, more information is needed about the feather ones, two-legged, four-legged and winged ones.
- More history and cultural information is needed.
- The sections on wildlife should be more detailed with life history and CTFN views and values.
- For section two, a table of goals, objectives and recommendation will be pulled together for the Steering Committee to review and edit at the next meeting.
  - This table will outline the recommendations, rationale, and who would be responsible to complete the work.
- For section three the Steering Committee will work to fill in this section at the November meeting after section two is completed in full detail.

#### **Next Steps**

- The Steering Committee will aim to have a draft plan ready for review by January 2017.
  - Additional meetings may be required to reach this goal.
  - The aim will be to hold late spring 2018 public consultation meetings to present the draft plan.

#### **Closing thoughts and prayer**