

MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area

Steering Committee Meeting

Tagish Community Centre

July 11th, 2017

Attendees|

Steering Committee Members:

Mark Wedge CTFN · Georgianna Low CTFN · Nathalie Lowry CWS · Margaret Campbell · Matt Clarke ENV · Todd Powell ENV

Observers|

Paul Dabbs TAC

Other Staff|

Tess McLeod ENV · Tomoko Hagio EMR

Regrets|

Albert James CTFN · Randy Taylor CTRRC · Frank James CTFN

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda- Agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes- May 9th, 2017 meeting minutes were approved

Updates

- The Tagish Local Area Planning (TLAP) committee held a meeting in late June for preliminary discussions on the draft Tagish Local Area Plan (LAP). The committee will be holding another meeting at the end of July to discuss the draft in more detail.
- A booth was set up at the Canada Day event in Tagish on July 1, 2017 to provide information on the Tagish River Habitat Protection Area (HPA) and TLAP processes. There was a mix of people at the event, with many summer residents and visitors attending. There was around 200-300 people. A few people came to the booth to discuss concerns and ask questions on the two planning processes.
- The Tagish Local Advisory Council (TLAC) was briefed on the Tagish River HPA process at their last meeting. The LAC will review both draft plans when they are ready. It will be

important for both planning process to allow time for this review period, and consideration should be made for a joint public review meeting.

- Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN) is working on an indigenous land use plan and joint legislation. This work might feed into the Tagish River HPA planning process and implementation details of the management plan.

Tagish River HPA plan drafting

Plan layout and design

- a few design concepts will be prepared to help with the next steps in laying out the plan.
- Two documents may be prepared: 1) stories and explanation about how the area should be used, 2) data and background information.
- The plan will be user- friendly with information easily accessible for the reader (e.g, environmental assessment, tourist, boater etc.)
- An implementation section should be included in the plan for managing parties. This section would include details and steps involved in implementation of the recommendations. Ex: The draft TLAP
- An implementation plan will assist in holding the managing parties accountable to the work recommended in the final management plan.

Traditional stories & cultural information

- CTFN will work with YG to include heritage and cultural values in the plan.
- CTFN will work on gathering traditional and cultural information and stories to be included in the management plan.

Coordination with the Local Area Plan – wildlife corridor

- The Steering Committee will send a letter to the TLAP committee to request coordination in recommending a wildlife movement corridor that crosses both the TLAP and Tagish River HPA planning boundaries.

Review of draft recommendations

- The steering committee reviewed the draft management plan.

Next Steps

- The next steering committee meeting will be on August 8th, 2017.

- **Closing prayer**