

SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area
Steering Committee Meeting
Tagish Community Center
May 8, 2018 10pm-3pm

Attendees|

Steering Committee Members:

Georgianna Low CTFN · Margaret Campbell CWS · Johanna Smith YG-EMR · Albert James CTFN ·
Matt Clarke YG · Mark Wedge CTFN

Observers|

Randy Taylor CTRRC · Paul Dabbs LAC

Other Staff|

Tess McLeod YG-ENV

Regrets| Nathalie Lowry CWS

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Approval of the April meeting notes and agenda -

- Agenda was approved.
- Meeting notes were approved.

Updates

Community member comments -

- A community member recently called to inform the Steering Committee about recent boating activity in the Tagish River that was disturbing birds in early April 2018, as well as loose dogs on the river front. There are management recommendations in the current draft that speak to both of these issues.

Tagish Local Area Planning (TLAP) -

- The TLAP process is in its final stages. The TLAP planning committee is currently reviewing the final draft and plan to go out for final public consultation in the summer of 2018.

Other updates –

- Neil McGrath has received approvals from Carcross/Tagish First Nation to continue with his master project on incorporation of Traditional Knowledge in the Tagish River HPA planning process. Neil will be getting in touch with Steering Committee members to complete interviews.
- The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council's cisco project is now in its third year and final year. The last portion of this study is focused on the Nares area. There has been a collection of baseline information for Tagish River and Nares; it looks like Nares has less numbers compared to what Traditional Knowledge indicated there has been historically. There will be more DNA analysing to further understand the population dynamics.
- The CTRRC has engaged with Wild Wise, who have indicated their interest in engaging on the educational aspect of implementing this management plan, once complete.

Editing Draft Management Recommendations -

- The Steering Committee continued work on editing the draft recommendation document (document dated May 2018).

Additional Discussion on Process:

- Government of Canada would like to further discuss the concept of the implementation committee and what role they would play to further understand which departments would be responsible.

Next Steps:

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2018.

Closing Thoughts and Prayer.