

## SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Yukon Inn Hotel – Whitehorse  
November 14, 2017 1pm-4pm

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### Attendees|

#### Steering Committee Members:

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

#### Observers|

Randy Taylor CTRRC

#### Other Staff|

Tess McLeod ENV · Tomoko Hagio EMR

### Regrets|

Paul Dabbs LAC

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### Welcome

### Opening Prayer

### Agenda

- The agenda was approved

### Updates

- The Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resources Council (CTRRC) met and indicated they are interested in being involved in the planning process and potentially the implementation of the final plan. They look forward to reviewing the draft plan when it is ready.
- Tagish River HPA legal framework meeting update
  - A team of lawyers, one from each of the planning parties was able to attend to discuss ideas/options on joint legislation as discussed in previous meetings.
  - The team felt that they needed more background information and wanted a bit more context to inform their ideas.
  - They plan to meet soon to further discuss the potential options for joint/complementary legislation in regards to the Tagish River.

### Tagish River HPA (general planning needs)

- Carcross/Tagish First Nation will set up a meeting with the Land Management Board as soon as possible to provide an update on the planning process to date.
- Once the recommendations and management direction from the Steering Committee is ready to share YG Steering Committee members will work with other affected YG departments (HWY, EMR etc.).
- The Tagish River Habitat Protection Area website requires updating.

### **Tagish Recreation Site**

With guests: Allan Koprowsky (ADM Environment Yukon), Krysti Horton (Manager Park Planning, Environment Yukon), Carolyn Moore (Community Advisor, Community Services), Bonnita Richie, (Tagish Local Advisory Council).

- The Steering Committee provided a summary of the background to the letter sent to Environment Yukon from the Steering Committee regarding the values of HPA and impacts on and from the Tagish Recreation Site.
- Four Government of Yukon departments are involved in the management of the Tagish Recreation Site; Environment Yukon, Highways and Public Works, Community Services, and Energy, Mines and Resources.
- The boat launches on Willow Rd. and Logan Rd. are managed by Community Services. Maintenance on these boat launches has not happened in quite a while.
- There have been recent discussions and options considered around access to the Tagish Recreation Site and potential reconfiguration of the area. There have also been discussions on putting a gate in place to stop early boat traffic in the river as per the Tagish River Habitat Protection Area Steering Committee input.
- Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Government of Yukon will continue to discuss options and considerations on the Tagish Recreation Site. The site itself is not within the Habitat Protection Area boundary.
  - The Steering Committee will continue to work on recommendations and implementation actions regarding the portion of the boat launch within the Tagish River Habitat Protection Area.

### **Closing thoughts and prayer**

- The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on December 12th in Tagish.
- The Steering Committee will aim to finalise the recommendations and identify any gaps at the next meeting.