

## SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Tagish River Habitat Protection Area  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Tagish Community Centre – Tagish  
October 31, 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 · Frank James CTFN · Johanna Smith EMR

#### Observers|

Randy Taylor CTRRC

#### Other Staff|

Tess McLeod ENV · Karlie Knight CTFN

#### Local Area Planning Committee|

Tami Grantham CTFN · Patrick James CTFN · Vicki Hancock YG · Paul Dabbs YG ·  
Tomoko Hagio EMR

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### Welcome

### Opening Prayer

#### Agenda

- The agenda was approved
- September 19, 2017 meeting minutes were approved

#### Updates

- Welcome to Johanna Smith, Manager of Project Support at Energy, Mines and Resources who will be taking over Todd Powell's position on the Steering Committee as a Government of Yukon's appointed delegate.
- The next Steering Committee meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Whitehorse to coincide with a Tagish River Habitat Protection Area legal framework meeting the same date.
- Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Yukon will attend the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the management considerations of the Tagish Recreation Site with the Steering Committee.

- The Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resources Council will be wrapping up the data (DNA) collecting portion of the cisco project this month. Over the winter they will be working on the traditional and local knowledge portion of the project as well as looking for spawning grounds within the Southern Lakes system.

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

#### **Review and edits to the draft recommendations & implementation measures**

- The Steering Committee worked through the draft recommendations document and discussed edits (see Goals and Objectives document). Considerations included:
  - Flexibility should be built into the management plan to allow for changing priorities and to accommodate the differing interests of each government.
  - An annual review/check should be completed. This could take the form of a ceremony once a year where the parties engage with the community on what work has been completed and what the priorities are for the coming year.
  - This plan should be a priority for the Federal and Territorial governments as it is a treaty obligation.
  - An implementation committee should be considered. The Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resources Council and/or Tagish Local Advisory Council could help to make sure that plan implementation items are tracked and addressed.

#### **Meeting with the Tagish Local Area Planning Committee**

- The Tagish Local Area Planning Committee joined the meeting to discuss overlapping management considerations.
  - The Carcross/Tagish First Nation Land Management Board has reviewed the proposed wildlife corridor and have indicated they support this recommendation.
    - Further clarification is required from Carcross/Tagish First Nation on future plans to develop their Settlement Lands on both the east and west side of the river.
    - If approved the corridor would be addressed in both of the final planning documents.
  - The Tagish Local Area Plan can address concerns about wildlife interactions with domestic animals (i.e. goats, llama etc.) and address these through zoning and bylaws.
  - The Tagish Local Area Plan and Tagish River Habitat Protection Area management plan will apply a management framework to the area when signed by all parties.

- Once the Tagish Local Area Plan is completed zoning and bylaws will be put in place and then specific restrictions and/or allowance will be laid out at that time. These can address septic tanks, lots sizes and use of pesticides and other chemical on lawns etc.
- Off road vehicle (ORV) management within the Tagish River Habitat Protection Area and the Tagish Local Area Plan will also be addressed through both plans. Consideration should be made to allow for opportunities for ORV use of other trails away from the river, if ORV use of the river is discouraged.
- The two planning committees will continue to work closely and coordinate efforts where appropriate.

#### **Next Steps and Closing Prayer**

- The HPA Steering Committee will work with Carcross/Tagish First Nation Lands Department to set up meetings with the Elders Council and the Land Management Board to provide them with planning updates.