

Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee Spring Meeting Minute Summary

March 21 & 22, 2019

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PRESENT: Harvey Jessup – YSSC Chair (DFO Nominee), Roger Alfred – YSSC (CYFN Nominee), Stanley Njootli Sr. – YSSC (VGG Nominee), Carl Sidney – YSSC (YFWMB Appointee), James MacDonald – YSSC Second Chair (CYFN Appointee), Al von Finster – YSSC Interim Vice-Chair (VGG Nominee), Don Toews – YSSC (DFO Nominee).

GUEST: Joseph O'Brien, Vera Charlie, Shelia Garvice, Ruth Buyck, Alan Skookum (RRC/LSCFN), Jerry Kruse (Co-Chair Selkirk Renewable Resource Council)

SUPPORT: Elizabeth MacDonald (Executive Director), Sharon Kerr (Minute Taker, CAH Services)

Opening Prayer, welcome and introductions

Call to Order and Agenda Review/Approval

Motion – YSSC accept the March 21, 22, 2019 agenda as amended.

Moved by: Al von Finster

Seconded by: James MacDonald

Passed by: Consensus

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

A back log of minutes has accumulated and needs to be approved. Minutes are a public record and should be available if requested. Al and Elizabeth will create a Minute Summary from October's meeting and in future the Executive Director (Elizabeth) will complete this task. The summaries will include all the legal requirements, who moved and seconded motions, action items and a brief discussion of decisions made. Members can review the summary prior to posting.

Motion – YSSC accept all the past minutes except the October 2018 minutes.

Moved by: James MacDonald

Seconded by: Al von Finster

Passed by: Consensus

Minutes over 5 years old will be digitized and stored electronically.

Membership

Upcoming Membership terms expiring

John Burdek (YFWMB) term expired on March 18, 2019.

Other Membership terms expiring: Jason Jim (Asek, March 31, 2019) and Don Toews (DFO, April 7, 2019).

Executive Committee-Status and Options

Harvey's and Jason's term on the Executive expire at the end of April 2019. James is Vice-Chair for 2 years ending October 2020.

Motion – Extend Harvey Jessup as the Chair of YSSC and appoint Al von Finster as interim Vice Chair of YSSC until the May meeting of the YSSC.

Moved by: Don Toews

Seconded by: Carl Sidney

Passed by: Consensus

Administrative and Financial Review

DFO/Financial Requirements

Final report for 2017-18 has been completed and sent in. Request for holdback (2018-19) was also submitted and received. Submitted request for funds (2019-20).

Budget

Review of the remainder of the budget for 2018-19.

Also met with AANDC about increasing YSSC's funding to make up for the shortfall of accepting the recommendation to move from the DFO office and hire our own staff member. The staff/administration takes up about 40% of the budget. The response has been to wait until the next First Nation Final Agreement review in 2022, however YSSC will continue to pursue funding increases prior to this date.

R&E Projects

Completed CRE-105-16N Porcupine LTK by submitting the final report and financials.

CRE-146-17N Porcupine Management Plan has a draft report, but needs photos and final financials to complete.

CRE-19-17 Stock Restoration Year 3 has received an extension to complete the videos and guidance documents around beaver dam removals and juvenile movements. Al has distributed the draft document on obstruction removals to the JTC for feedback. The new deadline is November 2019 and presentation to the Yukon River Panel in December.

CC-02-19 Educational Exchange planning is underway.

Correspondence

- Received Sebastian Jones email
- Condolences to TTC on passing of Jane Smarch
- Happy Birthday to Gerry Couture
- CC'ed on letter from KDFN to DFO RE Angling Strategy and Conservation Concerns
- Letter to Minister RE Alsek Regulation Change for Public Angling in 2019 (closed)
- Responded to TTC RE Annual Salmon Recommendations and TTC Consultation
- Responded to SRRC RE Chinook Salmon Allotment
- Recommendations to CAFN RE 2019 Salmon Season
- Invitations to Minister Wilkinson and Frost to attend the IYOS
- Response to TH RE Angler Strategy

Member Updates

- Joint Technical Committee (Don)
- Angling Strategy (Don and Elizabeth)
- Lands & Resource Committee Meeting (Harvey, Don, James and Elizabeth)
- Education Exchange Planning (Elizabeth, John, Harvey, and Carl)
- Management Trade-off Meeting (Carl)
- TBR Panel Post-Season (Don)
- TBR Panel Pre-Season (Al)
- Fishery Act Amendment (Harvey, John, Carl, Roger, Al, Don, and Elizabeth)
 - Stock Rebuilding Plan
- Wild Salmon Policy Launch (Jason)

March 22, 2019

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SUPPORT: Elizabeth MacDonald (Executive Director), Colleen Henry (Minute Taker, CAH Services)

Indigenous Reconciliation and Partnerships, Regional Director David Didluck (DFO)

Fiona provided an overview of the newly formed department in Vancouver. YSSC provided an introduction to YSSC and stressed that YSSC is an advisory body and not a First Nation Government. David provided his back ground with reconciliation and fisheries. Following discussion focused on:

- the International stage and bringing in Global Affairs
 - R&E funds
- What reconciliation means to DFO/David/Yukon FNs
- Capacity building and funding for Yukon
- Incorporating TK into management and funding
- YSSC's participation at the Transboundary Panel (no seat)
- Loss of administrative support from DFO has resulted in a loss of \$140K

Discuss Chinook decision matrix and proposed triggers in 2019

The matrix should be revamped to make it relevant to users when there would be an allocation to a fishery (or not). Ask DFO to revise.

YSSC Strategic Plan Update

YSSC would like a visual document to provide to partners and public. Discussion around the confidentiality of Recommendations to the Minister prompted the following motion.

Motion – YSSC to get a legal opinion from Jim Bishop regarding the confidentiality clause.

Moved by: Carl Sidney

Seconded by: Stan Njootli

Passed by: Consensus

Reviewed the Strategic Plan and the Document from October's meeting. Created a new document with the identified Strategic Activities and proposed actions. A draft document should be created and approved by YSSC prior to being distributed to FNs for review.

Action Items

ACTION ITEM 1 – Review the October 2018 minutes and create a summary for the public website (Elizabeth/Al), Elizabeth will complete for the March meeting minutes

ACTION ITEM 2 – Contact Pat Duncan asking her to support Bill C-68 and get an update on where the act is at.

ACTION ITEM 3 – Elizabeth to contact the coordinators for the May Gathering in Pelly to arrange time on the agenda.

ACTION ITEM 4 – Send letter to DFO recommending to revise the Yukon River Chinook matrix to reflect the current management strategy.

ACTION ITEM 5 – Write to SFN and TTC to support their Management Plans

ACTION ITEM 6 – Elizabeth can start on the Strategic Plan project and look to have something in early 2020.

ACTION ITEM 7 – Send letter to Lawrence Joe for Salmon Summit

ACTION ITEM 8 – Set up a YSSC report card, to see what was accomplished on a yearly basis

ACTION ITEM 9 – AI will draft a paragraph for VGG RE YSSC partnership with the Porcupine Management Plan

ACTION ITEM 10 – Seek legal opinion regarding the confidentiality clause