

# Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee In-Season Meeting Minute Summary

May 22, 2019

**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 (CYFN nominee), Al von Finster – Vice Chair (VGG nominee), Jason Jim (CAFN nominee),

**REGRETS:** Michelle Dawson-Beattie (YFWMB appointee), Ed Long (CAFN nominee), Tim Gerberding (DFO nominee)

**STAFF:** Elizabeth MacDonald (Executive Director)

## Call to Order and Agenda Review/Approval

A minute of silence was held for Gerry Couture.

**Motion – 1** – YSSC accept the May 22, 2019 agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Carl Sidney

**Seconded by:** Al Von Finster

**Passed by:** Consensus

## Roundtable and Introductions & Comments

Harvey Jessup welcomed everyone. Members discussed the recent passing of Gerry Couture, funeral preparations and YSSC contributions. The YSSC agreed to cover the costs for Roger to travel and attend the funeral on behalf of YSSC.

**Action Item 1** — Send Roger to Gerry Couture's funeral.

## Review and Approval of Previous Minutes (May 22)

**Motion – 2** — That the YSSC accept the October 2018 and February 2019 minutes as presented.

**Moved by:** Al Von Finster

**Seconded by:** Carl Sidney

**Passed by:** Consensus

## Executive Committee Nominations

The terms for Chair and one Vice-Chair are up. The full YSSC wasn't present. Members discussed tabling the nominations and election until July.

**Motion – 3** — That YSSC table nominations and elections until the YSSC meeting in July 2019 to give all members the opportunity to be present. The election will take place at the next meeting whether or not all members are present.

**Moved by:** Carl Sidney

**Seconded by:** Al Von Finster

**Passed by:** Consensus

## Administrative and Financial Review

Carry over of \$13,000 from last fiscal year. Next year is the end of the five-year contract so the YSSC has to spend all funds by the end date. The Final Report was submitted to DFO a month late due to YSSC's activities. A budget review and update followed.

**Action Item 2** — Check with Robin Bradasch (AADNC) to determine when the next YFNFA review is (2022 or 2024).

## R&E Projects

- CRE-146-17N Porcupine Management Plan
  - The one outstanding item is the final report. It needs further editing and photos. Carmen Ingram is interested completing the report. Her fees can be covered out of the surplus.
- CRE-19-17 Stock Restoration year 3
  - The committee has received an extension to complete videos, draft obstruction removal and final report. Carmen could assist and her fees could be paid out of the surplus.
- CC-02-19 Educational Exchange 2019
  - The project is completed. Tip is working on the PowerPoint presentations for use in communities. The presentation will be used at the panel in December. Tip Evans will develop the final report under a small contract. Wayne Jenkins (YRDFA) will also provide input into the draft. It will be completed quickly.

## Correspondence Review

Correspondence was reviewed and sparked discussion regarding the current Yukon River Chinook matrix.

**Action Item 3** — Letter to Minister recommending revising the YR Chinook matrix to make it clearer for the public to interpret (does not need to wait for the 'numbers' ie. the spawning escapement goal).

## Member Updates

- Teleconference EMB RE Bill C-68, SAR, and Application for Authorization
- YRP R&E Selection, prep, and meetings
- IYOS Kick off
- Educational Ex
- Met with KDFN (Brandy Mayes & Nicholas de Graff)
- Modifications to Applications for Authorization (FAA)
- WSP Implementation Follow Up
- YR Chinook salmon outreach (Trade-offs)
- Government to Government
- Met with TTC (James McGraff)
- Dawson City public Meeting
- TH C&C (today) and May Gathering & SRRC tomorrow

**Action Item 4 — Request a Yukon River Panel debrief with Steve Gotch and Don Toews.**

**Action Item 5 — Draft a letter to Larry Bagnell clarification regarding the Jay Treaty.**

**Action Item 6 — Draft a letter to DFO regarding not including the Yukon in the Arctic Region.**

## YSSC Report Card- Action Items from Last Meeting

Members discussed the legal opinion from Jim Bishop regarding the confidentiality clause. Parties should resolve issues and advise the committee. The committee will draft a letter to parties requesting direction to resolve the issue.

**Action Item 7 — Draft a letter to parties requesting direction to resolve confidentiality clauses and conflicting opinions.**

## 2019 Recommendations and Timelines

- The draft recommendations will be sent to committee members for review and comment by June 6 or 7. The recommendations should be finalized by June 10.
- The committee discussed drafting a letter regarding conservative harvest, priorities (conservation, access by subsistence hunters, angling commercial and domestic).
- Contaminants — It was recommended that DFO and Health Canada should communicate the effects of Fukushima radiation release to people in Yukon. The message is not getting out to people in Yukon. Better information has to be available.
- Multiple letters will be drafted regarding:
  - Recommendations for 2019 run;
  - Matrix;
  - Communicating findings of radiation studies to Yukon River people.

**Action Item 8 — Draft a letter to DFO/HC to communicate the effects of Fukushima radiation to Yukoners.**

Member's Time

**Action Item 9 — Get a beaded salmon wall hanging as a Thank You for Don Toews.**

**End of Day**