

Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee Summary Meeting Minutes- Virtual

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

PRESENT: James MacDonald (Chair, CYFN nominee), Al von Finster (Vice Chair, VGG nominee), Jason Jim (2nd Vice Chair, CAFN nominee), Roger Alfred (CYFN nominee), Stanley Njootli Sr. (VGG nominee), Carl Sidney (YFWMB Appointee), Tim Gerberding (Federal nominee), Michelle Dawson-Beattie (YFWMB Appointee)

SUPPORT: Elizabeth MacDonald (Executive Director)

Call to Order and Agenda Review/Approval

James MacDonald reviewed the agenda and asked for additions and amendments.

- Additions – James will provide a report on the FN call with the Minister (DFO).

Motion 1 – YSSC accept the June 2, 2020 agenda as amended.

Moved by: Carl Sidney

Seconded by: Al von Finster

Passed by: Consensus

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes & Summary Minutes

YSSC decided to table the approval of minutes to provide additional time to review minutes and clarify the process.

Yukon and Porcupine Drainage Annual Recommendations

- Members discussed issues Yukoners brought up over the past year, including the preseason engagements. The draft recommendations and the process regarding the recommendations was discussed and clarified.
 - Draft will be amended by Al, Tim, James and Elizabeth as suggested. Amended draft will be circulated to the entire membership on Friday, with edits due Monday.
 - Recommendation letter to be sent around Tuesday, June 9.

Chair nominations

- At the expiry of James' term, YSSC will need a new Chair.

Motion 2 – Al von Finster nominated as interim Chair starting June 18, 2020

Moved by: Carl Sidney

Seconded by: Al von Finster

Passed by: Consensus

- A new Vice Chair will be needed to replace Al.

Motion 3 – Carl Sidney appointed as interim Vice Chair starting June 18, 2020

Moved by: Roger Alfred

Seconded by: Michelle Dawson-Beattie

Passed by: Consensus

- Elizabeth will send a letter to YFWMB asking for the appointment of Al as the interim Chair.

YSSC Funding Increase

- Elizabeth provided a brief review of the draft letter to the parties regarding the Funding Renewal and Implementation Review in 2022/2024.
- **Action Item 1 – Tim would draft an additional paragraph requesting for a funding increase prior to the review.**

YRP Honorarium Letter

- Tim's draft letter requesting honorarium increase for YRP Members was discussed.

Action Item 2 – Send YRP Honoraria letter on behalf of all YRP Members and CC all YRP Members.

- Elizabeth to follow up with Harvey Jessup to assist with finalizing the letter.

Update on FN/DFO Minister Call

- James provided a summary of the short call between FN and the Minister of DFO.
- Chief Sidney voiced concerns with Yukon River Chinook and asked the Minister for help. Specifically, with the US and their lack of meeting their obligations.
- The Minister acknowledged the issues but asked them to pursue changes through grassroots efforts
- James pointed out that they are doing their best with YRDFA/YRITFC but that they need help on a political level
- The Minister promised to follow up
- Tim shared a clause in the *Pacific Salmon Treaty* that could allow for changes to the Yukon River Salmon Agreement. Article 13 Annex

Review of YRDFA Request to host the in-person pre-season in the fall

Steve Gotch (DFO), Dennis Zimmermann and Harvey Jessup joined

- In-camera Yukon River Panel discussion

End of Day

Available Members joined the YRDFA in-season teleconference.