

# Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board Bi-annual Meeting

March 1-March 2, 2011

Ingamo Hall, Inuvik, NT

## Attendance:

**Board Members:** Dan Topolniski, Elizabeth Hansen, Joel Ingram

**Staff:** Amy Thompson, Kristen Callaghan, Cheryl Greenland, Kris Maier, Janet Boxwell, Julia Gordon

## Observers: *Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>*

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James Firth	GRRB special advisor	Charlie Snowshoe	GLUPB
Georgina Neyando	TRRC coordinator	Blake Bartzen	CWS
Albert Peterson	TRRC	Amanda Joynt	DFO
John Carmichael	ERRC	Johnny Edwards	GLWB
Fanny Greenland	ERRC	Leonard Debastien	GLWB
Edwin Wright	Youth, ERRC	Marsha Branigan	ENR
Allen Firth	NRRC coordinator	Martin Callaghan	ENR
Barry Greenland	NRRC	Stephen Charlie	ENR
Jozef Carnogursky	NRRC	Julie Ann Andre	Tsiigehtchic
Robert Cardinal	Youth, NRRC	Grace Blake	MGP
John Norbert	GGRRC, elder	Robert Alexie	GLWB
Jason McLeod	GGRRC, youth	Billy Storr	AHTC
Sonny Blake	GGRRC		

## *Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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Barry Greenland	NRRC	Julie Ann Andre	Tsiigehtchic
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Robert Cardinal	Youth, NRRC	Eva Patton	U. of Manitoba
John Norbert	GGRRC, elder	Robert Alexie	GLWB
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**Minutes:** Kristen Callaghan & Amy Thompson

## **Summary of motions made (to be re-made & carried upon reaching quorum):**

The Board members decided since they only have three members that they will not make formal motions during this meeting. Instead they will have discussion and make recommendations if needed. A list will be developed of motions that will need to be considered once the Board has full membership.

## **Tuesday, March 1, GRRB Bi-Annual board Meeting, Inuvik, NT**

### **Call to Order**

Amy Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:10AM  
The opening prayer was given by Liz Hansen.

The Board does not have quorum. The purpose of this meeting was to keep current Board members updated on activities and for members to provide direction to staff for the upcoming work period.

### **A. Discussion and Approval of Agenda**

No major changes to the agenda were put forward. It was suggested that the meeting be as expeditious as possible.

### **Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

## **B. Discussion and Approval of Fall 2010 GRRB Meeting Minutes**

### **B1. Approval of Fall 2010 minutes**

Without quorum, the Fall 2010 minutes cannot be approved. Motions to approve items can be made at next meeting after quorum is reached.

### **B2. Discussion of Action Items**

Amy Thompson reviewed the action items from the last meeting in October. Action items with comments are included in the binder.

## **C. Financial Update**

### **C1. General Office Operations**

Amy Thompson gave a financial update to the Board, highlighting specific information for the Board members found in the variance report included in the meeting binders.

Amy spoke to the internal variance report submitted to the Board and included in the binders.

Questions were asked about the report and discussion was held on the status of Board nominations and the WSF allocation process this year.

## **C2. Draft 2011-12 GRRB Operating Budget & Work Plan**

The Board has already discussed that the GRRB operations budget and work plan for this fiscal year are due in at INAC today. Amy has prepared these items, along with a cover letter explaining that the budget cannot be approved without quorum. Liz will sign the letter on behalf of the GRRB.

## **C3. Update on Wildlife Studies Fund– G. Anselmo (Joined by conference call)**

Geoff gave his update via conference call with the Board members. His presentation is in the binder.

Phil and Geoff answered questions about preserving capital and spending rate to our finance subcommittee and prepared a draft revised policy statement (pending quorum approval).

## **D. Round Table**

### **D1. Chair/Special Advisor Update – James Firth**

James gave a quick update to the GRRB on his duties as Special Advisor (awaiting official appointment as Chair) to the staff and to Amy. His priority has been the GRRB lease because of the high cost of rent. He has travelled to Winnipeg and Vancouver to attend caribou meetings. Comments followed.

### **D3. Executive Director Update – Amy Thompson**

Amy presented her Executive Director's update (in the binder) to the Board and took questions.

### **D2. Board Member Updates**

#### **❖ Joel Ingram (CWS)**

Joel reported that Paul's term has expired (Joel is attending as the alternate). We are waiting for Blake's nomination to go through.

#### **❖ Elizabeth (Liz) Hansen (ENR)**

Liz attended the CARMA in Vancouver. The meeting was well organized in a workshop style allowing lots of input into management scenarios. This workshop style is recommended for future meetings. Liz also attended a Species at Risk meeting in Yellowknife with Amy. She helps around the GRRB office and reviews things like the calendar Gwich'in translations, signs cheques for GRRB. She also serves on the GRRB finance committee. Organization is well run even w/out Board members. Liz encourages the youth to keep attending these meetings.

#### **❖ Dan Topolniski (DFO)**

Since the fall meeting, Dan has been involved on the finance subcommittee for the GRRB along with Amy and Liz. He attended the NACW in Winnipeg and participates in meetings with DFO on various issues.

### **D3. Staff Updates**

#### **❖ GRRB Staff: Kristen Callaghan, Kris Maier, Janet Boxwell and Cheryl Greenland**

Kristen, Kris, Janet and Cheryl presented oral updates on their activities to accompany their written updates in the meeting binders and fielded questions from the Board. Kristen noted that her update is in the binders, except for the Grizzly Bear Management Agreement, for which ongoing discussions continue with the RRC.

Janet pointed out to the RRCs present that the research summaries of projects in the GSA are available in the binders. She then fielded several questions on multi-year projects

Amy reported that Barry approached her regarding job shadowing and placements for training. Julia Gordon has been helping out in the office with office work.

### **D4. RRC Updates**

#### **❖ NRRC Update – Allen Firth**

The written update from the NRRC is in the binders. NRRC are meeting with the Board later to talk about concerns.

#### **❖ GRRC Update – John Norbert**

No written report. John brought up three issues currently facing the GRRC: a group trapping area; activities around the headwaters of the Arctic Red river; the Travaillant Lake area and implications of highway development. He feels there has been a lack of communication on these issues for some time.

#### **❖ ERRC Update – Fanny Greenland**

The written update from the ERRC is in the binders. Fanny expressed that the Council is tired of attending meetings, but realizes that they need to go to represent their people and update them.

Stephen Charlie recognized officer Ian McLeod, who is working with the RRCs for Take a Kid trapping.

#### **❖ TRRC Update – Georgina Neyando**

Gina reported on the TRRC's work with GRRB, government, GTC and other boards, including reviewing research applications. One of their priorities is the Peel Watershed. Currently, the TRRC is meeting with people from Mayo RRC; beginning GHAP and the Trapping course. Other priorities this year are boat safety, GPS & firearms safety courses. Research priorities and information are aired on the radio for an hour every week. The RRC council elections

are coming up this year. A main issue in the community is concerns about the source of drinking water (water levels are low).

Discussion followed regarding the Mayo meeting, water levels and Take a Kid Trapping.

**Action: Amanda Joynt (DFO) to distribute a study on water levels from the Gwich'in Water Summit.**

## **E. Local Agency Updates (Tab E)**

### **E1. Joel Ingram (GC-EC: Canadian Wildlife Services)**

Joel gave an update on CWS programs – there is no written update in the binder.

CWS produces a population status report on migratory birds in Canada. It summarizes all the survey work that is done in Canada. **Action: Kristen to circulate report in April.**

CWS works with USFWS to conduct a photo census of snow geese across the Arctic (5-10 year cycle). Joel reported on the current census – populations are up, too high in some areas. Results from the photo census are available to those who are interested. A brief discussion on migratory bird routes followed.

A review of the migratory bird hunting regulations is also available. This report is available as a proposal to amend. Proposed changes are in the document; nothing of concern to the GSA.

CWS established an office in Inuvik (2005-6) for the increased responsibilities of the MGP and needs of CWS to be involved in EIA reviews. Unfortunately, because of resources, there has been a decision to close the office in Inuvik next winter; responsibilities will move back to Yellowknife.

Discussion followed with regard to migratory bird hunting regulations and the office closure.

### **E2. Amanda Joynt (GC-DFO: Fisheries and Oceans Canada) – reporting for Larry Dow**

Amanda reported on staffing, DFO participation in RRWG and WSWG and her own current work on slump impacts on the Stoney Creek and Peel River watersheds. She also spoke to last meeting's minutes and current work in the ISR with application to the GSA.

### **E3. Stephen Charlie (GNWT-ENR: Environment & Natural Resources); Martin Callaghan (ENR Forestry Dept.)**

Steven gave an update on current ENR office projects to supplement the written update he provided in the binders.

Martin added a few items to his own update, reporting his attendance at a consultation workshop and his work with the RRC in Fort McPherson concerning their fire/fuel break.

Barry encouraged ENR to have updates and status reports on various concerns raised at past meetings, so everyone knows if the concerns were considered and action taken. Discussion followed about meat wastage and wolverine and wolf carcass collection. **Action: Stephen to look into meat wastage issue and report back in the next progress report.**

Marsha raised a concern about what to do if not all the communities support a project put forward for wildlife research. **Action: Amy to address Marsha's concern about communities not supporting proposed projects ASAP.**

ENR has developed and distributed posters in response to concerns about low flying aircraft and diseased animals, encouraging people to report both.

Marsha responded to questions on the PC implementation plan, legal review of roles and responsibilities within the plan and the Forest Management Plan.

Martin would like anyone who finds new or unusual insects to photograph them or catch them in a bottle and show him. Insects are a key indicator to landscape changes and he would like to document them.

#### **E4. Mardy Semmler (GTC) - Lands and Resources Dept. Update**

Mardy was not present.

#### **E5. Robert Alexie (Gwich'in Land and Water Board)**

Robert gave a brief update on the GLWB, who they are and what they do. He reviewed their water licenses. They will be hosting a workshop on the GLWB and the application process in late March.

GLWB are currently inconvenienced by being one Board member short.

Discussion followed on the application review process and water licensing for ferries.

#### **E6. Grace Blake (MGP) - Update on Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project**

Grace presented her update, the same presentation given to the RRCs earlier this year, which is in the binders. She then answered questions on the disagreement between AIP and the GWNT and the expiration of the NEB certificate.

#### **E7. Billy Storr (AHTC) - General Update on HTC-related projects**

Billy gave an update from the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers.

- Moose workshop – 6 were invited to attend. Asked to mark out where moose high and were not seen.
- Health Canada funds for climate change project – will be completed at the end of this month. Had field workers interviewing Gwich'in in the community.
- RRWG – early March, 4 HTC invited. The HTC works closely with the RRWG and WSWG. IFMP was signed in November; the HTC were proud to be a part of this.
- AHTC and ERRC keep membership updated on activities. Newsletter (joint).
- Spot locators – ERRC purchased some after this storm this weekend. 3 members of HTC were down below and they used locators; they can watch on the computer.

Billy fielded questions on meeting with the RRC and the existence of a search & rescue strategy.

## **H. Caribou Management**

### **H3. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - Caribou Strategy: Forever. Our Heritage, Our Responsibility**

Marsha reviewed the Caribou Forever strategy; her presentation is in the binders. This is a headquarters initiative. A draft plan exists and reports are available.

**Action: GRRB and RRCs should provide comments on this strategy by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.**

Discussion followed on the purpose of the strategy and its purpose within the GNWT mandate. Charlie expressed frustration with including Alberta Research Council Peer Review; he felt that Alberta researchers shouldn't be doing northern research, that northerners have more knowledge about caribou.

Dan pointed out a need to start talking about how the GRRB will review a document given by one group to another for feedback; we need a clear protocol.

### **K1. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - Draft GNWT Wildlife Management Plan**

Marsha also presented the draft GNWT Wildlife Management Plan and requested comments. It will overlap with the barren ground caribou management.

**GRRB to comment on the draft GNWT Wildlife Management Plan (deadline TBD).**

Discussion followed on caribou research and counts. Marsha spoke about the purpose and location of the check stations.

### **L1. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - Barren-ground Caribou Post-calving Survey**

Marsha described her WSF request, which is included in the research binder.

Marsha fielded questions on the number and types of collars being used, collaring procedures and what do to if a collared caribou is shot.

### **H2. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - PCMB Annual Harvest Meeting Update**

Marsha discussed the results of the annual harvest meeting and presented the current activities of the PCMB. A summary of the first day of the meeting will be circulated and posted on the Web site (the second day was in-camera with the parties and the PCMB).

The Board has 30 days to issue their recommendations to the parties; these should be out shortly.

PCMB released a draft document on roles and responsibilities of the Board to the parties for their review. Copies are available from Marsha for those interested.

The PCMB is meeting again in the last week of March. Any concerns the GRRB and RRCs have can be brought to the Board.

Marsha recognizes that there doesn't seem to be good communication; she has been trying to work on this and make sure that everyone's interests are brought forward to the table.

#### ❖ **Marsha Branigan (ENR) - PCMB Trade and Barter Guidelines**

Marsha reviewed concerns over PCMB Trade and Barter guidelines. The guidelines should be out soon. Discussion followed over how the guidelines were written and should be used.

#### **H1. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan Implementation**

A draft of the IP went out for review and some comments were received. Some parties have signed it, including the GTC (but not the GNWT). An amendment to Appendix 1 may be requested, as the co-management Boards have expressed concern.

There are concerns about the capacity to do the work required by the Plan. Perhaps an agreement between GNWT and GRRB is necessary to accomplish what is laid out therein. Some things have been done, but some timelines have already passed. This needs to be discussed every year at the annual harvest meeting.

**Action: Marsha and Amy to work together and go through the Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management IP point by point, then email comments to the Board, RRCs, GTC.**

### **Public Update**

This was an opportunity for members of the public to present any issues or specific areas that need attention to the Board.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM. (Board to meet with NRRC at 4:30)

### **G. Nihtat RRC –Meeting of GRRB with NRRC at 4:30pm at Ingamo Hall**

There is a standing offer for the local RRC in the community to meet with members of the Board. Members of the NRRC accepted this invitation and met with the GRRB on March 1, 2011 at Ingamo Hall after the regular meeting adjourned for the day.

#### **Attendance**

GRRB: Dan Topolniski, Joel Ingram, Liz Hansen, Amy Thompson

NRRC: Burt Bullock, Barry Greenland, Allen Firth, Jozef Carnogursky, Neil Firth, Donald Andre.

Meeting convened March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:37 PM and adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

Minutes for this meeting are in a separate document.

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## **H. Caribou Management (Continued from March 1<sup>st</sup>)**

### **H4. Kristen Callaghan (GRRB) - Cape Bathurst, Bluenose West & Bluenose East Caribou Herds Management Planning**

Kristen presented an update on the status of management planning for these caribou herds. Her presentation is in the binder (note: error in the first slide - IGC is not part of the ACCWM).

Questions followed on distinction of the population into 3 herds, the status of the populations and when the hunt can recommence.

### **H5. Kristen Callaghan (GRRB) - Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan**

Kristen noted that this plan is a federal government initiative that has been completed by Environment Canada. She discussed the timeline of the planning process and who was involved. EC is seeking comments by the GNWT on the plan and the GNWT would like GRRB feedback on the plan before responding to EC. Michael Svoboda presented the plan to the Board at the fall 2010 meeting in Aklavik. Amy sent copies of the plan to Board members prior to this meeting.

**Action: Kristin and Amy to draft a request for input to the Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan for the GNWT.**

Kristen responded to an inquiry from Dan about implications for the GSA.

### **H6. Janet Boxwell (GRRB) - Boreal Woodland Caribou ATK study**

Janet's presentation is in the binder.

Comments on the review process and woodland caribou trapping were provided.

### **H7. Janet Boxwell (GRRB) - Harvest Data Collection**

Janet presented a progress report on the harvest study efforts in the GSA. Her presentation is included in the binders.

Questions followed on survey response rates, protocols and involvement of other agencies.

Charlie shared his opinions on why caribou are thought to be declining, due to forest fires. John Norbert added his support to this view.

## F. Legislation Updates

### F1. Amy Thompson (GRRB) - NWT Wildlife Act

Amy explained how Robert Charlie had been involved in this process, but she has stepped in. The Wildlife Act has been submitted for introduction (review) for cabinet, likely in April. GRRB has a confidential copy. If accepted, it will go through a Standing Committee that will do a tour throughout the NWT. Then it will be open for public review in April.

**Action: Amy to check with Susan to see if she can share the consultation results with the RRCs. If permitted, forward to the RRCs.**

Discussion followed on the Wildlife Act. NRRC had issues with the timeline and consultation process. It was generally felt that there was not enough time to review the documents and provide comments. There were other concerns that the Wildlife Act should not be made solely by the territorial government (GNWT).

Others felt that there was plenty of opportunity to comment on the Act and that good work had been done up to this point. There will be more time for input and comment during hearings and after the public consultation.

### F2. James Firth & Amy Thompson (GRRB) - NWT Species at Risk Act

Amy gave a general update on the structure of the NWT SARA. James followed with a more specific look at the Species At Risk Committee.

Amy reviewed her submission on the NWT SARA, included in the meeting binders.

James noted that the annual report is in a pamphlet on the side table. He reviewed what the GRRB's role is. There are concerns about funding for land claim groups for this process. James will bring this up at the next meeting.

James noted a concern about woodland caribou. The Board will discuss what to do when a species is threatened elsewhere, but not in the NWT.

Questions followed about how changing the borders would affect available funding and whether habitat recovery assistance was available.

John observed that spring birds are fewer every year. Joel responded that CWS recently conducted surveys to establish a baseline of species type and abundance.

Dan provided the following suggestions about the consultation process:

1. There will be a formal response before the Standing Committee takes place, no matter what they receive in written submissions.
2. A public document will be produced on everything heard and released before the public hearings of the standing committee. Make sure that the issues you are raising

are reflected in those documents. If not, raise those issues with the Standing Committee.

## **I. Other Wildlife Management**

### **I1. Kristen Callaghan (GRRB) - Dall's Sheep Management**

Kristen updated the Board on the status of the Dall's sheep report and plans for continuing the management planning process.

Dan was concerned about the process and how the recommended plan has not yet been finalized. He reiterated that we should make sure that we finish what we start, even if this must take a priority over starting new projects.

### **I2. Kristen Callaghan (GRRB) - Moose Management Plan Implementation**

Kristen gave a progress report on the moose survey planned for later this month in the ISR and GSA, for which the GRRB has designated WSF funds.

### **I3. Amy Thompson (GRRB) - Outfitting Process update**

Amy reviewed a discussion document produced by the GRRB (by consultant Nicole Lights-Thomas, former GRRB RRM) that outlines the GRRB roles for this process and consultation process needed. This document was included in the meeting binders.

Dan stressed that it is important that the RRCs and the GTC have this document to form the basis for starting a discussion.

**Action: Amy to forward the GRRB Outfitting Process discussion document to the GSCI and GTC.**

Joel suggested the GRRB use this process to develop what the Board thinks are appropriate steps to get from where we are today to an MOU. The Board needs to make some decisions up front on commercial harvesting first.

Discussion followed around the creation of a musk ox management plan and the steps needed to make that determination.

More questions were raised about population estimates, musk ox management and traditional harvesting. Dan suggested a meeting in Aklavik be held to determine community and commercial needs.

## **J. Forest Management**

### **J1. Amy Thompson (GRRB) - Gwich'in Forest Management Plan update**

Amy updated the Board on the timeline of the plan in the past and how it got to the recommended final plan that is in today. The GTC has suggested that Canada needs to be signatory to the plan (GRRB, GTC and GNWT currently the only Parties).

Discussion followed on Federal involvement and forest management authority.

## **J2. Martin Callaghan (ENR Forestry) - Forest Management: Biomass Project update**

Martin's report on ENR forest management is in the binders, including a proposal to use local willows as an alternate fuel source; bringing back fire crews and fire clerks two weeks earlier; Dempster Highway check station coordination.

## **K. Research**

### **K1. Marsha Branigan (ENR) - ENR 5 year research plan; ENR regional staff**

Marsha presented on this earlier in the meeting.

### **K2. Janet Boxwell (GRRB) - GRRB annual research priority process**

Janet discussed the research priority process, where the GRRB is currently in the process and what is up coming. Janet's presentation is in the binders. She emphasized that the communities are a part of this process and the RRCs, GTC, GSCI are all asked about the priorities each year.

A brief discussion followed on priority levels.

## **L. Wildlife Studies Fund Presentations**

### **L2. Michael Svoboda (Arctic Borderlands): -Community Based Ecological Monitoring in the range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd: Arctic borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-op.**

Michael was not able to attend the GRRB meeting. His application for project support was included in the meeting binders. His request was for \$10,000.

### **L3. Janet Boxwell (GRRB) - Harvest data collection project**

Janet referenced her earlier presentation on the harvest study and the needs of the study and then described some of the results of the data collection process and what kinds of analysis can be done with the study data. She is applying to the Board for funding to continue the harvest study with 4 rounds a year in 2011, but submitted budgets for 2 rounds also for comparison, should the GRRB choose that. She is also applying to CIMP for funding for this project. ENR is also involved.

Janet answered questions on participant compensation, questions used in the study, DFO participation and the budget. Discussion followed on the overall focus of the study.

#### **L4. Kristen Callaghan (GRRB) - Round 3 of community engagements for Cape Bathurst, Bluenose West and Bluenose East caribou herds management plan**

Kristen presented her WSF application (included in the binder) to support consultation on the finalized plan in 2011, once it is approved by the ACCWM and ready for consultation by the Board. No questions were asked.

#### **L5. Amy Thompson (GRRB) - Youth Program**

Amy noted that this is an ongoing request by the Board for \$10,000 for Nature Day, Youth Work experience, school visits and youth outreach activities.

#### **L6. Julie-Ann Andre (*In-kind Request*, GLUPB) - Baseline Data collection along the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline Route**

Julie-Ann's presentation was handed out to the Board members and RRCs for inclusion in the binder.

She is proposing to undertake baseline data collection of water quality along the proposed MGP route. Julie-Ann requested ~\$7500 for chopper services per sampling round (3 rounds) = ~\$23,000 including taxes from the GRRB. She expects costs to increase in future years to allow for more participation of community members.

Liz requested more detail on the proposed project, which Julie provided. Liz also suggested that the GTC be approached to help fund the study.

Discussion followed about the GRRB mandate and water surveys. Dan would like to see more information about who has the mandate for water quality monitoring/water strategy/water activities.

#### **L7. Amy Thompson (GRRB) - Scholarship Applications to the GRRB**

Ernie Francis, a student with the NRTP program, has applied for a scholarship. He provided proof of acceptance into the program and his high marks, a reference letter from the instructor and letters of support from instructor and from Martin Callaghan, Manager of Forests. The request is for \$1,000. This has been the only request.

### **F. Legislation Updates (Continued)**

#### **F3. Dan Topolniski (GRRB) - Fisheries Act Renewal**

Dan presented information on the Modernization of the Fisheries Act. His presentation was supplied to the GRRB and will be included in the binder.

Discussion followed around updating the Fisheries Act vs. Fisheries regulations, the reason for the Fisheries Act and the classification of marine mammals under the Act.

## **M. Fisheries Research and Management**

### **M1. Colin Gallagher - Research plans for Dolly Varden char in the GSA**

Colin talked about a broad-scale approach planned for continuing assessments of Dolly Varden char in the GSA and ISR. A copy of his presentation is in the binder.

Colin fielded questions and a discussion followed on the ecosystem approach and community involvement. He then clarified his research plans in the GSA.

### **M2. Kris Maier (GRRB) - Implementation plans for the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan**

Kris discussed the major upcoming actions for implementing the IFMP. His presentation is in the binder.

- Kris talked about his major priorities for 2011 with respect to Dolly Varden char and the activities of the Rat River Working Group and fielded questions
- Kris presented Fishing Plan updates and fielded questions
- Kris described his Stoney Creek Mega Slump project, presented preliminary results with Amanda Joynt and fielded questions

Discussion followed on 2011 research priorities.

### **M3. Eva Patton - Dolly Varden Management regime**

Eva provided a copy of her presentation to the GRRB for distribution to the Board members and RRCs after the meeting. Her presentation had many photos, but these are not in the presentation. Refer to the audio for details.

A short question period followed.

### **M4. Sam Stephenson - Species at Risk Act and Dolly Varden**

Sam's presentation is in the binder.

Questions were addressed on the IFMP vs the SARA plan, consultation, comments and advertising. Discussion followed about a TK subcommittee.

## **Staff Meeting**

This was an opportunity for staff to meet with Board members and was separate from the public meeting.

## **Next Meeting - date and location of next Board meeting**

Fort McPherson - fall 2011?

## **Adjournment - closing remarks**

Joel adjourned the meeting at 5PM and motioned for the meeting to go in-camera.

## **N. In-Camera – Members and Executive Director only**

### **Public Dinner**

Members of the public were invited to a public dinner to meet the Board and staff of the GRRB.

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Approved

#### **Motion #May2011-02**

Moved by Dan Topolniski  
All in favour.

#### **To approve the March 1 – 2, 2011 Winter Board Meeting Minutes.**

Seconded by: Joel Ingram  
Motion carried.