

## Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

**5:30** P.M **May 7th, 2014**

**Supper Provided**

**Location: Woodlands Inn Longlac**

### 1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Hector called to order 6:15.
- MNR Representative Transition in LCC: Evan Armstrong retired currently replaced Charlotte Bourdignon as MNR contact for this meeting and June meeting. Permanent replacement to be announced in the Fall season; will either be Charlotte, the Biologist or Resource Liaison (these positions are currently vacant). Goal for this transition is to keep continuity LCC meetings.

#### **Introductions:**

- Melanie Shepherdson MNR Geraldton office clerk – for admin assistance. meeting notices agendas, minutes
- Neil Peterson – Regional planner forest (for all of Nipigon District Forests)
- Jamie Mucha (Regional Planning Biologist) NWR in Thunder Bay
- Transformation – FMP Region will have a bigger role. Ogoki Plan Ben (Far north Planner) brought FMP to draft plan stage Neil to finish plan.
- All other introductions same players

### 2. Review of Agenda

- Acceptance of agenda

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes (March 12th Mtg.) “Review of Minutes”

- Adopt Louis, Accept Remi

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Review of action items from March 12th, Mtg.)

- For June meeting – Safety Presentation on ATVS, Boating, and Roads, delivered by OPP. Reason for presentation: New Regulations. **George to follow up with OPP (Pettigrew) and will contact Charlotte once presentation is confirmed.**
- **Deanna to contact Charlotte for membership list**
- Toni prepare letter for signing authority – Toni completed, need people to go to Royal bank and sign their names. **Edgar, Ed, Gary and Dave to complete.** Charlotte and Evan have already signed.
- Kesagami Lake – No feedback
- Adopt Access Signs – all signs completed.
  - Some still require delivery: (Klotz Lake and Bolduc)
  - **Hector will take to Skinners to give to Klotz Lake**
  - All Access signs should be hung in tree as high as possible but still visible

**Access Signs and Present Adoptees:**

	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Present Adoptee</u></b>
1	52 Landing Long Lake	Northwood Lodging
2	Boobas Lake	Gerald Bolduc
3	Burrows Lake	Northwood Lodging
4	Castlebar Lake	Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc.
5	Chowder Lake	Klotz Lake Camp
6	Club Lake	Lukinto Lake Lodge
7	Cordingley Lake	Nakina Fish & Game
8	Fernow Lake	Lukinto Lake Lodge
9	Finlayson Lake	
10	Galloway Lake	
11	Hartley Lake	Gerald Bolduc
12	Jobrin Lake	Lukinto Lake Lodge
13	Kapikotongwa River	Greenstone Wilderness Trails
14	Access to Kassagimini Lk	The Martin Family
15	Kawakanika Lake	Lukinto Lake Lodge
16	Kawashkagama River (Crib Rd)	Zawierucha Family
17	Kawashkagama River (Greta Rd)	Zawierucha Family
18	Kenogami River Access Trail	Greenstone District Trappers Council
19	Kenogamis Lake (1st Bridge)	Geraldton Community Forest
20	Kenogamis Lake (2nd Bridge)	Geraldton Community Forest
21	Kenogamis Lake (Water front)	Kenogamis Fish and Game/Sno Club
22	Kowkash River	Greenstone Wilderness Trails
23	Long Lake (Eldee Landing)	Lewis /Archer family
24	Long Lake (Halfway Landing)	Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc.
25	Long Lake (52 Landing)	Northwood Lodging
26	Lukinto Lake	Skinner's Acre
27	Marshall Lake	Brace Lake Outfitters
28	McCluskey Lake	
29	McKay Lake	Longlac ValuMart
30	McLeod Lake	Northwood Lodging
31	Murky Creek	Nakina Fish and Game Club
32	Obobka	Lukinto Lake Lodge
33	Ogoki River	Greenstone Wilderness Trails
34	Ottertail River	Greenstone Wilderness Trails
35	Pagwachuan Lake	The Gross Family
36	Pamela Lake	Longlac ValuMart
37	Rockyshore Lake	Greenstone Wilderness Trails
38	Rogers Lake	Leonard McEathron
39	Steel River	Northwood Lodging
40	Stinger Lake/Esnagami Portage	Brace Lake Outfitters
41	Switzer Lake	Lochlomond Camp
42	Thompson Lake	
43	Treptow Creek (Crib Rd)	Zawierucha Family
44	Upper and Lower Twin Lakes (@railway)	Lower Twin Lakes Lodge
45	Wig Lake	Leonard McEathron
46	Wildgoose Lake	Wildgoose Lake Resort
47	Wintering Lake (Gamsby Rd)	Leonard McEathron
48	Wintering Lake (Statesman Rd)	Leonard McEathron
49	Margo Lake	Greenstone Paddlers

## 5. Financial Report / Budget Submission/Bank Account Signatories – (Char/Evan)

- Char – cheques that haven't been cashed Charlotte read through (insert spreadsheet)
- Statement show balance is \$10, 320.00
  - Explanation of credit/balance is: monies covers cost of operations, and had approval of request of funding. Therefore will probably not any more funding in June so should plan to submit another Request of Funding at the end of the fiscal year.
  - Budget is accepted. Adopted by Terry and seconded by Ken.

## 6. Correspondence – no correspondence to read

## 7. Toni Resigning from LCC – (Evan)

- Toni has resigned from LCC and determined that LCC would like to give recognition to Toni for the many years she has been a part of LCC.
- Based on her seniority in the LCC should LCC gift Toni with a gift certificate or a gift accompanied with a 'Years Served' Acknowledgement certificate
- (all) Contact Charlotte with what members believe would be the best gift for Toni.

## 8. New Business

### Kenogami Update (Char)

- Presently going through tenure reform.
  - With possible change in government can cause changes/issues with FMP
- Undetermined if Draft Agreement and draft business plan will occur
- Allan Willcocks, Northwest Regional Director retiring which can result in a change direction of plan
- Goal for Kenogami Forest is still to have an SFL for Kenogami
- Harvest licenses for next week

### Kenogami AWS Follow-up (Steve/ Deanna)

- AWS approved an in effect as of April 1, 2014
- Available online at the eFMP website
- Identifies all planned activities for the 2014-15 year, some of the areas have been rolled over from the 2013-14 year as they have not been harvested
- Ogoki – about 550 000 trees to be planted by Outland – 431 ha.
- Planned for 8.3 million trees being planted by 2 contractors – Outland with 4.1 and 1.1. million trees as they were successful in winning 2 packages.
- Operating north of Geraldton in the Quinn/Carl/Bankfield area as well as out east in the Toad Lake area.
- Haveman Brothers have a contract for 2.9 million trees and will be planting south of Hwy 11.
- Campsites for Outland are still to be determined; Haveman will be camping at the Trio road old campsite as previous contractors have done.
- Site prep planned for 2500 ha. With Get It Done and NorPrep Salv. Norprep is south of Hwy 11 after training in the Hwy 643 block and Get It Done will be North of Hwy 11.

- 431 ha. Ogoki MSIP for Get it Done
- Projects will start as soon as ground condition warrant – anticipating May 20<sup>th</sup> for the treeplants

#### **Needak update (Deanna/Steve)**

- Summer staff started Monday 7 staff (6 are First Nations from Rocky Bay, Ginoogaming, Aroland and Reserve 58) have been selected for the summer to supervise the silviculture program as well as perform a variety of surveys that are required such as Free to Grow and survival surveys.
- Training will be ongoing over the next two weeks
- MIOP training was given to AMIK Logging, Lecours Lumber, GDC as well as the summer staff.
- Anticipating starting SIP on Ogoki after the long weekend in May due to ground conditions. Planting of this fresh SIP will take place after the Kenogami plant has been completed.
- Nedaak was successful in obtaining funding through Forestry Futures Trust form manual thinning of the 1995 burn east of Longlac. Tender packages should be ready to go out by the end of May
- Ogoki AWS presentation to Fort Hope planned for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ogoki FMP Update (Neil)**

- Introductions: Neil as the Regional Planner and Jamie as the Regional Biologist who are finalizing Ogoki FMP
- Confirmed of endorsement of Ogoki FMP by LCC is still valid.
- Ben submitted the draft FMP on Feb 17, 2014 for MNR 30 day review.
  - MNR completed their review on March 6 and I produced the preliminary list of required alterations and provide it to the plan author.
- 80 or so required alterations, none that would significantly impact the planned operations:
  - refinement of regeneration standards and to prescriptions for areas of concern
  - removal of RUL and RUS AOC prescriptions removed from FMP as prescriptions did not meet the standards defined with Stand and Site guideline for species specific bird nest requirements (exemption to the guideline).
  - added in 180 temporary road zone prescription to parks and conservations reserves condition on tertiary road construction (Where operational roads are required to be constructed, they will be done to the lowest possible standard and decommissioned upon the completion of the wood haul and any subsequent renewal operations.
  - Working with Ontario parks right now to maybe include one of the remote tourism lakes (Killberry Lake) within the park that abut the Ogoki forest with a viewscape AOC, still analyzing options at this point. Issue is Killberry lake is not a classed as a remote tourism lake, but the potential is there and do not want to squander it).
    - Option 1: T1 Prescription: 100m no forestry operations  
Viewscape AOC – so can't see cut from lake if canoeing. Based mostly on contour elevations
    - Option 2: extend limits from Portage Lake to Killberry

- This prescription may be approved or may not need to do prescription depending the approval of the FMP
- Submitted draft FMP for the 30 day public review of the draft FMP March 12- April 14. Received a couple inquiries asking about gates and ensuring lake names on value maps were correct. Final List of required alterations was produced and LCC should have a copy of list.
- Goal is to submit plan for MNR approval on May 19, hoping to get DM/RD approval. RD retiring may have an impact (believe impact will be small).
- Elections can cause disruptions, however timeline is to post the final approved FMP out for inspection on June 12 (30 day July 11) with operations tentatively schedule July 18, 2014.
- **Contracted Needak to write AWS and 2 late annual reports (Steve tasked)**

In term so numbers:

- Five-year planned harvest area projected: 32,331 ha
- Five-year site preparation area forecast projected: 23,886 ha
- Five-year renewal area forecast projected: 50,367 ha
- Five-year site tending area forecast: 1000 ha
- There are approximately 91.7 km of primary roads planned for construction and 33.7 km of branch roads planned for construction over the five-year term.
- In draft plan submission, the LCC report was also submitted, with the agreement/disagreement statement identifying that the LCC believe that MNR have fulfilled their obligations as they relate to the development of the 2013-18 Ogoki FMP and the LCC support and agree with the plan at this point.
- LCC confirms agreement with the planned operations.

**AVTB (AV Terrace Bay) -(Scott)**

**Harvesting:**

**AVTB Licenses –**

Cutting at Highway 643 (1 buncher working)  
Columbia is harvesting poplar at Eaton (AV license area)

**Roads:**

- Continual spring maintenance
- Crushing program complete
- Spreading crushed rock from km 106-70 Catlonite
- May 16 CN closing East road for repair culvert
- May 18 CN closing Crib road for culvert replacement

**Haul:**

- 25,000 m3 of spring wood ready to haul after breakup
- No trucks hauling on bush roads
- Washout reported at km 61 and km 38 Goldfield, posted and barricades up.
- Haul start up is weather dependent. Forecasting haul to start after May long weekend

### **Mill Inventory:**

- 200,000 m3 of round wood/Chips in the mill yard (40 days)
- Hog fuel inventory is low, preparations being made to haul hog

### **Other:**

- No new areas licensed to AVTB as of today for 2014-2015 blocks
- Roads funding activities being revisited as available funds have been reduced
- Summer blocks being layed out in preparation for a start-up in near future
- Slash alignment in Ogahalla and Calvert.

### **Moose Tag Allocations (Ray/Evan)**



Moose  
Management.pptx

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#### **WMU 17**

- aerial survey – not much change in number of tags.
- Number of tags will drop for outfitters in 2015.
  
- Tag allocation was determined by the Region with use of statistics and a sample count (sample count is the aerial survey).
- Explanation why there has been decrease in tag allocation if moose population has not changed:
  1. Breeding ratio (bull:cow) has changed not enough bulls – less calves produced.
    - Changes from bull:cow ratio from 3:1 now to 1.4:1 in WMUs 17, 18A, 18B and 19.
    - To try to rebalance ratio for breeding the tags for cows may increase and bulls will decrease.
  2. % harvest rate (Kill Rate) from 8% to 7% in units 17, 18A abd 19. Left at 8% for 18B. will cause a reduction in tags (apply tag kill rate {success} rate this results in tag allocation)

#### **WMU 18A**

- 18A not surveyed this year
- Changes bull:cow ratio and success rates
- 18A will decrease in tags for outfitters

#### **WMU 18B**

- 8% harvest rate
- 18B surveyed
- Increase in population
- Has muzzle loader season

#### **WMU 19**

- surveyed
- Not sig. change in pop

- Change in bull:cow 1.4:1 from 2.4:1

#### **WMU 21A**

- 21A not surveyed will be surveyed next winter
- Tags change in bull:cow 0.9:1
- % Harvest rate has gone down therefore the tags can stay same

#### **WMU 21B**

- 21 B not surveyed
- Not sig. changes
- Should be flown this winter

#### Discussion:

- Tourism industry only picks up 30% cow tags, and 40% of the bull tags
- Not all outfitters using tags i.e. in WMU 17 - 70% outfitters not using all their allocated bull tags therefore the decrease in tags to outfitters should not be felt.
- Do not know reason why outfitters not using all allocated tags; regionally all bull tags being sold. There are rules from OMBTIP that if outfitters not using all their tags outfitters can lose tags. Contact is Arnold Beebe to voice concerns.
- When will outfitters be notified that the tags will be cut – when outfitters receive 2014 tags, outfitters will also receive a letter of allocation for 2015 tags. Conflict – some outfitters have sold their 2015 tags therefore could be over booked.
- Possible options for WMUs with low moose populations and no tags available (NorthWestern Ontario WMUs): Selective harvest in problem units calf tags, shortened calf season, later start in the season to get out of the rut season. Will seek public opinion and will/may hear these options.

#### General Questions on Moose Population:

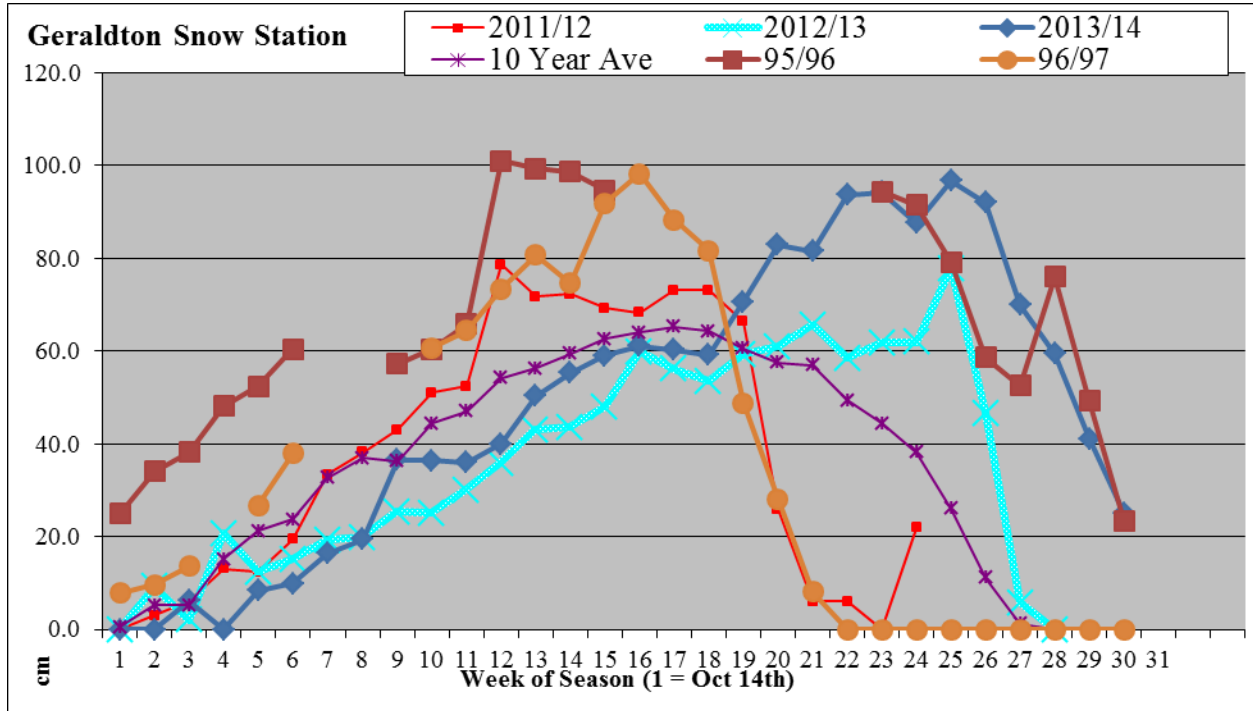
- Is there a decrease of moose due to increase in deer population?
  - Yes, strong correlation between increase in deer and decrease in moose (answered – Jamie Mucha in Thunder Bay District)
- Correlation question: Is same thing between the caribou and the moose. Yes there is correlation decrease in caribou as an increase in moose occurs in the same area. High density of moose increase wolf pop make caribou more vulnerable.
- Why no aerial survey for 18A?
  - Lack of time and manpower. Low priority unit and if funding not there may be awhile before survey is completed in 18A.
- Anything to tell age of hunter – no info collected and there is no special allocation for age. MNR does not look into the age demographic for the moose hunter.

## Minor Items (Misc.) Char

### No FAR North Presentation – Ben absent.

- Ben will come to do presentation at next meeting

### Snow stations – (Evan)



- Points of Interest are:
  - Gap – strike year
  - Blue this year
  - Purple year 10 yr average
  - Yellow bad year

Longer extension of snow on ground can result in wildlife having less time to recover resulting in less offspring.

### Edgar – who is admin for website?

- Sarah Green – keep on her to keep up on data input

**Wolf tagging** – no new tagging projects; but still monitoring wolves collared from last project (Onaman Lake). As long as there are collars that are delivering information monitoring will continue.

## 8. Next Meeting

Tentative date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, Woodlands Inn, Longlac, ON

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.



**Future Agenda Topics:**

- Ogoki AWS
- Possible new meeting location – Skills Training Center at Geraldton Industrial Zone (MacOdrum Drive) free rental

May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	May 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtg. Confirmed	May 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtg Attended			
Bernie Baillargeon	Y	Y			
Bill Davidson	Y	Y			
Bill Hoff	Y	Y			
Deanna Hoffman	Y	Steve Yeung			
Ed Hoffman	N	N			
Edgar Lavoie	Y	Y			
Eileen Johnson	Y	Y			
Erin Symington-Armstrong	N	N			
Evan Armstrong	Y	Y			
Gary Selinger	N	N			
George Horobec	Y	Y			
Gerald Bolduc	N	N			
Jane Jantunen	Y	Y			
Joe Gagnon		N			
John Espinola	Y	Y			
Ken Stevens	Y	Y			
Len McEathron	Y	Y			
Linda Beaulieu	Y	Y			
Louis Garon	Y	Y			
Martin Boucher	Y	N			
Perry Barkhouse		Y			
Remi Moretton	Y	Y			
Ron Melhuish	Y	Y			
Scott Koski	Y	N			
Steve Crawford	N	N			
Tom Hunt	N	N			
Toni Moroz	N	N			
Charlotte Bourdignon	Y	Y			
Hector Vincent	Y	Y			
Jim Fry	N	N			
Dave Barker	N	N			
Melanie Shepherdson	Y	Y			
Guests:					
Neil Peterson	Y	Y			
Jamie Mucha	Y	Y			
Ben Bartlett	Y	N			