

## **Biodiversity Action Plan**

Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003  
Yellowknife

### **Draft Minutes**

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#### **Team members present:**

Michael Brown	DOT
Suzanne Carrière	RWED Wildlife and Fisheries
Tracy Hillis	RWED Wildlife and Fisheries (Climate Change)
Paul Latour	CWS
Joslyn Oosenbrug	RWED Wildlife and Fisheries
Jody Snortland	SRRB
Sam Stephenson	Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**Regrets:** Aurora College, Dene Nation, WMAC(NWT), RWED FM, RWED Protected Areas, INAC, CPAWS, WWF, GRRB, Parks Canada, Ducks Unlimited

**Team facilitator:** Suzanne Carrière, RWED W&F

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#### **START 9:00**

##### **1.0 Changes to agenda**

No Changes

##### **2.0 Overview and Welcome to new members**

Since the last meeting (December 3, 2002), the following groups and agencies have joined the NWT Biodiversity Team:

Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board  
Ducks Unlimited  
Dene Nation  
RWED Climate Change (W&F)  
Canadian Museum of Nature

##### **3.0 Report 1**

Team members received a package containing a draft text of Chapter 1 prepared by Jamie Bastedo and an edited section to be posted on the Internet as a "companion" text.

Also included in the package were drafts of the Introduction, all sections and appendices written for Chapter 2 to date, the project budget and timeline, the draft listing of GIS capacity in the NWT and a copy of the proposed NWT Biodiversity Plan website.

### **3.1 Review of timeline**

Team members decided that it would be better not to rush the publication of the report in order to include groups and agencies that may not have the time or resources to properly address biodiversity issues on such a tight time frame. **A new proposed deadline of November 2003 was set for publication of Report 1** (see revised timeline, attached).

### **3.2 Chapter 1 (Background on NWT biodiversity) – First Draft is available**

Team members were invited to review the chapter drafted by J. Bastedo, and reformat it with photos and graphics. Concerns were raised about the consistency in writing style in the overall report. So far Chapter 1 is more colloquial than Chapter 2, which reads like a technical government report. **Team members will edit Chapters to ensure that the writing style is consistent across the report. Style differences may remain. These can be accounted for by transferring some text into signed “Perspective boxes”.**

### **3.3 Update on Chapter 2 (Summary of major initiatives)**

- 3.3.1 Review of modified outline
- 3.3.2 Review list of initiatives

Updates to the outline, list of initiatives, and requests for information will be made informally and on a case-by-case basis, instead of in the time-consuming questionnaire format. Some team members requested one-on-one meeting to help review and add to the report. **A series of one-on-one meetings (RWED W&F and team member) will be scheduled during the next two months as required.**

### **3.4 Update on writing assignments – Chapter 2**

- 3.4.1 Status of text/ Review of drafted sections
- 3.4.2 Perspective boxes

**Suzanne and Joslyn will continue to draft sections for Chapter 2. Approximate timelines were determined for each section** (see revised timeline, attached).

### **3.5 Editing and Review**

### 3.6 Photos and graphics

**A request was made to team members for contributions of photos and graphics for Report 1.** Again, Suzanne is tired of looking at the same old RWED photos.

### 3.7 Layout and publishing

Proposed report will likely be approximately 100 pages long, printed on recycled paper using either 2 or 4 colours. It was agreed that decisions regarding layout and publishing would be made at the end of the summer, closer to print time.

The issue of using federal logos (Environment Canada and DFO) on a report without having a French translation available was raised. Past experience suggests that more time for translation can be obtained if GNWT is the primary editor, and all others, including the Gov. of Canada, are listed as editor under the phrase "In collaboration with". **Suzanne will provide more information on translation timing and requirements.**

### 3.8 Web products

Team members received a copy of the NWT Biodiversity Action Plan website as it has been developed so far and submitted to the RWED W&F Director for permission to be posted on the Internet.

## 4.0 Report 2

### 4.1 Discuss visions and objectives

4.1.1 Options for approach and format (gap analysis and individual level of commitment)

It was suggested that Report 2 consist of a set of *recommendations* based on findings from Report 1.

### 4.2 Team participation/ Consultation

Suzanne suggested that the Biodiversity Team draft a list of recommendations for Report 2, and that these be published as such, with no commitments on the part of the respective departments. In this way, priorities for action will be identified, with important issues highlighted (i.e. invasive species), regardless of whether the resources are there to address them immediately. The report would not consist

of promises of programs or specific actions, but rather well supported recommendations.

If new programs are being developed, and agencies and groups are willing to announce them in the Action Plan, these would be marked as such in Report 2.

#### **4.3 Timeline**

See revised timeline.

#### **5.0 Other**

The proposed project budget for the NWT Biodiversity Action Plan was circulated to team members.

#### **5.1 Next meeting**

A third NWT Biodiversity Team meeting will be planned for mid- to late-September.

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## REVISED TIMELINE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Actions</b>
January – April 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- First Draft of Chapter 1</li><li>- First Drafts of Chapter 2 Sections 1.1, 1.3, 1.5 and 4.1</li><li>- Review Introduction</li><li>- Draft Webpage</li></ul>
May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Second Team Meeting</li><li>- Continue to draft Chapter 2</li><li>- Continue to draft and review Chapter 1</li><li>- Draft RFP for web matrix?</li></ul>
June – August 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue to draft and review Chapter 2</li><li>- Review Chapter 1</li><li>- Draft RFP for report layout?</li></ul>
September 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review Chapter 2</li><li>- Finalize Chapter 1</li></ul>
October 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finalize Chapter 2</li><li>- General Review &amp; Final draft</li></ul>
November 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Publication of printed Report 1 and web page</li><li>- Gap analysis for Report 2</li></ul>
December 2003 – ?	Report 2

**Report 1 – Chapter 2 (List of Initiatives)**  
 Title: Contributions – Major NWT initiatives on biodiversity

**REVISED OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE**

<b><i>Goal 1 – Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity</i></b>	<b><i>Expected Completion Date of First Draft</i></b>	<b><i>Text Status</i></b>
1.1 Species at Risk Initiatives	Completed	First Draft
1.2 Protected Area Strategy	Completed	First Draft
1.3 Climate Change Initiatives	Completed	First Draft
1.4 Forest Initiatives	06/30/03	
1.5 Sustainable Use of Wildlife	Completed	First Draft
1.6 Contaminants Program	06/30/03	
1.7 Community Initiatives	06/30/03	

<b><i>Goal 2 – Ecological Management Capabilities</i></b>	<b><i>Expected Completion Date of First Draft</i></b>	<b><i>Text Status</i></b>
2.1 Monitoring and Inventories	07/31/03	Being drafted
2.2 Integrated Research Programs	07/31/03	
2.3 Land use Planning and Management	07/31/03	
2.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment	07/31/03	
2.5 Data and Information Management Initiatives	07/31/03	
2.6 Emergency Planning and Environmental Accountability	07/31/03	

<b><i>Goal 3 – Education and Awareness</i></b>	<b><i>Expected Completion Date of First Draft</i></b>	<b><i>Text Status</i></b>
3.1 Education and Awareness Programs	08/31/03	Partial Draft
3.2 Traditional Knowledge Camps	08/31/03	Partial Draft

<b><i>Goal 4 – Incentives and Legislation</i></b>	<b><i>Expected Completion Date of First Draft</i></b>	<b><i>Text Status</i></b>
4.1 Legislation	Completed	First Draft
4.2 Incentives	08/31/03	First Draft

<b><i>Goal 5 – Cooperation: Northern Perspectives</i></b>	<b><i>Expected Completion Date of First Draft</i></b>	<b><i>Text Status</i></b>
5.1 Cooperation within Canada	09/30/03	
5.1.1 Mackenzie Basin Initiatives	09/30/03	
5.1.2 Monitoring Initiatives	09/30/03	
5.2 International Cooperation/	09/30/03	

Agreements		
5.2.1 Arctic Council	09/30/03	
5.2.2 Transboundary Species	09/30/03	
5.2.3 Climate Change Initiatives	09/30/03	