



EYEUU MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD

Special Meeting

Held via conference call
April 29, 2020

Present:	Gordon Blackned Fred Tomatuk Peter Hale G. Daniel Caron	Chairperson Member (GCC(EI)) Member (ECCC) Member (DFO)
	Angela Coxon Félix Boulanger	Wildlife Management Director Wildlife Management Biologist
Absent:	Robbie Tapiatic Aurélié Bourbeau-Lemieux Vacant	Member (GCC(EI)) Member (GCC(EI)) Member (GN)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

1. WELCOME & QUORUM

Members present constituted a quorum, and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. Gordon Blackned welcomed the members of the EMRWB.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Gordon Blackned provided the opening prayer.

3. CHAIRPERSON AND RECORDING SECRETARY

Gordon Blackned chaired the meeting and Félix Boulanger was the recording secretary.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The EMRWB reviewed the proposed agenda and made no amendments.

After a review of the proposed meeting agenda, it was motioned to adopt and approve the agenda; Peter Hale proposed, and Fred Tomatuk seconded. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board adopted **Resolution EMRWB2020/21-07**

In favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 3

5. CORPORATE MATTERS

5.1 CORPORATE MATTERS - EMRWB Regular Board Meeting for October

The EMRWB Director suggested changing the October Board meeting from a conference call to a face-to-face meeting. Based on recent experience with conference call meetings, it is sometimes hard to hear everyone and a meeting in person would be more productive, if the budget allows it. The Board members supported the idea, and two members confirmed that it has been more difficult to interact with other participants during recent conference call meetings.

5.2 CORPORATE MATTERS - Legal Representation

The EMRWB Director reviewed the situation with the EMRWB's current legal counsel, Gowlings WLG. Gowlings is a large and prestigious firm and their rates are higher than some other firms. The EMRWB has been spending a larger portion of its budget on legal fees than the NMRWB, for instance, because the rates are so high. After looking at other options, she recommended retaining Qajaq Robinson as a primary legal counsel. This would also be advantageous during the times that the EMRWB shared files with the NMRWB, who also has retained her. The EMRWB Director suggested retaining Qajaq Robinson as primary counsel for the EMRWB while only utilizing Gowlings when their specialties are required (e.g., human resources, service contracts, the continuation of policy development). The Board members discussed the matter and expressed their support for this approach.

The Board motioned to retain Qajaq Robinson as a primary legal counsel for the EMRWB. Fred Tomatuk proposed, and Peter Hale seconded. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) adopted **Resolution EMRWB2020/21-08**.

In favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 3

6. FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION

1) Review and Approval of Amended 2020-2021 Budget

The EMRWB Director explained that because of some recent developments regarding the contract biologist position, the budget needs to be amended and the new version should be approved by the Board. Most of the changes are related to new opportunities for housing and office space in Eastmain. As a result, some expenses will no longer be needed for that position, such as travel and accommodation expenses. However, new expenses have to be budgeted, such as moving expenses, housing subsidy, and office rental in Eastmain. Other minor amendments were discussed.

After a review of the budget, it was motioned to approve the Amended 2020-2021 Budget. Daniel Caron proposed, and Peter Hale seconded. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) adopted Resolution **EMRWB2020/21-09**.

In favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 3

1) VARIA

No item was added to the Varia.

2) CLOSING PRAYER

Fred Tomatuk closed the meeting in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting of April 29, 2020; it was proposed by Fred Tomatuk and seconded by Daniel Caron; the motion carried. The EMRWB adopted **Resolution EMRWB2020/21-11**.

In favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 3

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The Eyou Marine Region Wildlife Board meeting was concluded at 3:10 p.m.