



# EYYOU MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD

## Regular Meeting

Virtual Meeting

May 25, 2022

**Present:** Gordon Blackned  
Fred Tomatuk  
Robbie Tapiatic  
Peter Hale  
Daniel Caron  
Eli Kavik

Chairperson  
Member (GCC(EI))  
Member (GCC(EI))  
Member (ECCC)  
Member (DFO)  
Member (Gov. of Nunavut)

Angela Coxon  
Félix Boulanger  
Stephanie Varty

Wildlife Management Director  
Wildlife Management Biologist  
Wildlife Management Biologist

**Absent:**

Jamie Moses

Member (GCC(EI))

**Guests:**

Kaitlin Bretton-Honeyman

Polynya Consulting Day 1  
Group

Agata Durkalec

Polynya Consulting Day 1  
Group

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

### 1. WELCOME & QUORUM

Members present constituting a quorum, the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) Chairperson requested a motion to open the meeting at 9:13 am. Peter Hale proposed, seconded by Eli Kavik (In Favour: 6 Absent: 1, Vacant: 0).

### 2. OPENING PRAYER

Eli Kavik opened the meeting with a prayer.



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### 3. CHAIRPERSON AND RECORDING SECRETARY

The Chairperson was Gordon Blackned, and the Recording Secretary was Stephanie Varty.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

After a review of the proposed meeting agenda, it was motioned to adopt and approve the agenda; Daniel Caron proposed, Robbie Tapiatic seconded. The motion was carried, and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board adopted the Agenda with **Resolution WB2022/23-2** (In Favour: 6 Absent: 1, Vacant: 0)

#### 5.1 FINANCES & ADMINISTRATION – 10-Year Projection Plan Workshop (Polynya Consulting Group)

The EMRWB Director provided information regarding the development of the EMRWB 10-Year Projection Plan in preparation for the renegotiation of the EMRLCA Funding Agreement. Kaitlin and Agata (Polynya Consulting Group) introduced themselves and provided information on their progress to date developing the 10-Year Projection Plan. They highlighted that they have completed financial projections based on previous spending and explained the justification spending deficits in the past based on staff vacancies, lack of Board membership, and most recently, reduced operations due to the Covid pandemic. Kaitlin shared a document that highlighted an analysis of EMRWB past activities and expenditures. The EMRWB Board Members and consultants discussed how adjustments should be made to the number of board meetings required and what funding is required for these (regular, special, joint, etc.). An EMRWB Board Member suggested the EMRWB and CTA-EMR work together on a developing a new budget as a way to strengthen connections between the CTA-EMR staff and EMRWB Board Members. An EMRWB Board Member requested that the consultants examine how the number of meetings compare to organization size and budget with reference to other Institutes of Public Government (IPG).



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After the break, the EMRWB discussed the role of the Chairperson, housing costs and inflation. The EMRWB Board Members discussed potential options to pursue housing within the framework of a 10-year funding agreement, addressing the difficulties of obtaining capital assets. The EMRWB moved on to discuss professional development and benefits structure. The EMRWB also discussed options for enhanced community engagement, educational outreach, and community tours. The EMRWB Board Members moved on to discussing the needs of the CTA-EMR department under the EMRLCA. Finally, the EMRWB Board Members discussed other deficiencies in the budget.

The EMRWB Board Members discussed how the EMRLCA Implementation Committee functions and what the EMRWB's role is in the EMRLCA negotiations.

### 5.2 FINANCES & ADMINISTRATION – Request for Ad Hoc Committee

The EMRWB Director reminded the EMRWB Board Members that during the renegotiation of the EMRLCA Funding Agreement the EMR Boards decided that they would like to create two new shared positions within the EMR Boards (Office Manager, Communications Officer). She explained that during the renegotiation, the boards will need to decide pay scales for the new positions and potentially implement changes to existing job positions. The EMRWB Director asked if any of the EMRWB Board Members would be interested in forming a committee to contribute to this process. After some discussion, the EMRWB Board Members agreed that they would support the formation for an Ad Hoc committee to support the development of new positions under the 10-Year Projection Plan. The motion was proposed by Peter Hale, seconded by Fred Tomatuk and passed **Resolution WB2022/23-3** (In Favour: 7, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0). The EMRWB Director explained that the committee would include the EMRWB



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Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and one other volunteer from the EMRWB Board Members (Gordon Blackned, Peter Hale, and Fred Tomatuk).

#### **6. RESEARCH – Review and Approval of 2022/2023 Research Fund Applications (Stephanie and Felix)**

The EMRWB Director shared a spreadsheet highlighting the EMRWB's current and pending funding commitments from the EMRWB Research Fund.

The EMRWB Biologist presented the research funding application from the CWS project 'Twin Islands Breeding Bird Survey'. After some discussion, the EMRWB moved to approve the funding application. Fred Tomatuk proposed, Peter Hale seconded, and the EMRWB approved **Resolution WB2022/23-4** (In Favour: 6, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0)

The EMRWB Biologist presented the research funding application from the CTA-EMR project 'FISHES' (Year 4). After some discussion, the EMRWB moved to approve the funding application. Robbie Tapiatic proposed, Peter Hale seconded, and the EMRWB approved **Resolution WB2022/23-5** (In Favour: 6, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0).

The EMRWB Biologist presented the research funding application from the McGill University project 'Polar Bear Ecology in the EMR' (Year 2). After minor discussion the EMRWB moved to approve the funding application. Eli Kavik proposed, Fred Tomatuk seconded, and the EMRWB approved **Resolution WB2022/23-6** (In Favour: 6, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0).

#### **7.1 CORPORATE MATTERS – New IT Services**

The EMRWB Director provided an update on the EMRWB's IT services. She explained that the current IT supplier, BDO, will no longer be serving the EMR



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Boards, and that she is in the process of negotiating a contract with a new provider (Equipe Microfix). She explained some of the new features of the IT service that EMRWB Board Members should expect and the timing of the change over to the new provider.

#### **7.2 CORPORATE MATTERS – Membership Update on Chairperson**

The EMRWB Director and Board Members took turn thanking and acknowledging the EMRWB Chairperson before the end of his term in June, 2022.

#### **8. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Regular EMRWB Meeting July 26-28 (Videoconference).

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson called for a motion to close the meeting. Robbie Tapiatic motioned, Peter Hale seconded, and the EMRWB closed the meeting of May 25, 2022 (In Favour: 6, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0).

The Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board meeting concluded at 3:22 pm and Fred Tomatuk closed the meeting in prayer.



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### ACRONYMS

AFSAR	Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk
ARU	Autonomous Recording Unit
BGR	BGR Informatique Inc.
CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
CNG	Cree Nation Government
COTA	Cree Outfitting and Tourism Association
CTA-EMR	Cree Trappers Association-Eeyou Marine Region
CWS	Canadian Wildlife Service
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
EMRWB	Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board
EMRLCA	Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
FISHES	Fostering Indigenous Small-scale Fisheries for Health, Economy, and food Security
GCC	Grand Council of the Crees
iA	Industrial Alliance Financial Group
IPG	Institute of Public Government
MFFP	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs du Québec (Quebec Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks)
NMRWB	Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board
NRC	Natural Resources Canada
NQL	Non-quota Limitation
SAR	Species at Risk
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SHB	Southern Hudson Bay
TAA	Total Annual Allocation



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Total Allowable Harvest