

NORTHEAST ROUNDTABLE SESSION 12– MEETING NOTES

Date: June 24th, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM. – 12:30 PM
Location: Virtual MS Teams

Attendees:

Clint Letendre	Carol Newsom
Don Rosen	Clinton Gould
Derry Sorgen	Jim Little
Barry Holland	Jim Webb
Wayne Sawchuk	Helen Gilbert
Dan Rose	Mindy Henry
Lynda Neufeld	Stephanie Smith
Cyril Moersch	Sonja Leverkus
Tim Burkhart	Wade Pruett
Catherin Piedt	Bev Vandersteen
Gerry Paille	Cheryl Montgomery
Kathleen Connolly	Andrew Young
Ryan Mckay	Aeolis Wagner
Darrel Regimbald	Lori Ackerman
Sam Rawluk	Tanya Goertzen
Edward Stanford	Jocelyn Paul
Arielle Bernier	Dale Morgan
Tara Forest	Ron Long
Jason Lawson	Anna McIndoe
Chris Pasztor	Joelle Scheck
Brock Roth	Shayla Blue
Ian Curtis	

Meeting Reference Materials Available Online at [NE Roundtable website](#):

- June 24th, 2020 Roundtable Agenda
- TLE Presentation
- LRMP Presentation
- Central Group Caribou Presentation
- RSEA Presentation
- Moose Caribou Info Sheet
- Maternal Penning Klinse-za
- BC Parks MKMA Presentation
- BC Parks M-MKA Plan Stakeholder List
- MS teams Join a Meeting

Welcome, Agenda, Minutes

- Jason Lawson as facilitator welcomed, territorial acknowledgement, and MS Teams info
- No requested revisions to the agenda; no comments on previous meeting notes
- Materials provided on website for review by roundtable members

1. Northeast Roundtable Participant Introductions

- Shayla Blue.

2. Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment Update

- Chris Pasztor gave a presentation on RSEA and how it functions. Presentation uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).
- Multiple interests in fire disturbance, and if it is a part of a disturbance layer in RSEA
- Concern about insects damaging the forests and how that would impact RSEA work
- Interest from Roundtable on protocol going forward for governance issues within First Nation Communities
- Q: Was Kelly lake invited to help do the ecological study? A: No, they were not invited.
- **Action:** Kelly Lake would like to be in contact with RSEA following this meeting. **Update:** Contact information was passed along.

3. Fort St John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Presentation

- Ian Curtis provided an update on the LRMP. Presentation uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).
- For more information about the Fort St John Land and Resource Management Plan see the [Provincial Land Use Planning website](#) with updates pages for the [FSJ LRMP website](#).
- Q: Is the MK going to be included? A: Portions of MK in the border of the FSJ TSA are included in the scope of the update, MKMA has also been contacted.
- Q: What is the timeframe of the Terms of Reference for the LMRP update? A: Terms of reference must be agreed upon, hopefully by mid to late summer. Currently on version three.

4. Treaty Land Entitlement Update

- Tara Forest provided verbal update on TLE. Presentation uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).
- Blueberry Parcels (includes Charlie Lake and Red Creek Open Houses Feedback
- Concerns about Moose Lake accessibility, and other sites from presentation given to Regional District.
- Q: Have any changes been made except for the ones on the presentation? A: Meeting with Saulteau and Tumbler Ridge has occurred and is in development. Presentation represents what is current.
- Q: Is there a map of the parcel on the Sikanni? Are there any access issues with this parcel and if so, how are these being dealt with? Dale A: Wayne to provide information on how people travel in that area to Dale.

- Wayne and Dale Morgan to exchange information regarding access. Wayne requested an up to date map wsawchuk@pris.ca to make a comment.
- Q: Are there any plans to have a TLE meeting in Chetwynd that the public can attend? A: Reaching out has occurred, next few weeks something will be put together and a meeting will be planned. The meeting might be in the format of zoom or something virtual.
- Kelly Lake would like a discussion with Saulteau regarding a tract of land in Kelly Lake, who can we contact? A: Dale or Rene are the contacts.
- Suggestion: Blueberry and TLE work more closely together as some land areas might not be in scope with Blueberry currently.
- Q: When will we see a record of questions and a timeline of answers that are committed to being answered. Dale : No response for taxes as of yet.
- Charlie Lake and Red Creek are not in the interests of BBFN. Participant suggests that more effort be put in by BBFN to reach out to MIRR.
- Pink Mountain has a tentative trail outline route, work is being done with Blueberry to discover a staging area for the trail. Outreach to trail groups following staging area work.
- Economic benefit meaning (Dale): TLE will provide land to FN for their purposes, development will be a 'boom' in the region. Building and buying will be local, which will support the economy in the Northeast.
- Q: What would developments look like? A: TLE looking at lands transfer, federal gov has guidelines that are stringent. Developments are into the future currently.

5. Caribou Recovery Update

- Joelle Scheck provided an update Central Group Caribou update. Presentation uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).
- Q: Are there opportunities for stakeholders to make submissions or presentations to the parties at these various committees? A: potentially, through land use objectives the opportunity to share may be presented.
- Q: Are trappers represented within the snowmobile group? A: No, trappers have not been invited
- **Action:** Big River Study to be shared with the group
- Q: How successful was Klinse-za maternal penning project near Chetwynd this year?
Action: Information to be shared with group after meeting. **Update:** [Maternal Penning Klinse-za info sheet](#) is uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).
- Moose and Caribou are considered iconic and valued by FN and public. Moose are being targeted for harvest as the reduction of wolves leads to increase of both moose and caribou populations. This is working towards a shared solution towards recovering caribou populations.
- Saulteau and West Moberly FN are opposed to reducing cow and calf populations for caribou recovery, participant showed concerns about this strategy.
- **Action:** 2 pager/extension note be shared with group. **Update:** [Moose Caribou info sheet](#) is uploaded to [NE Roundtable website](#).

6. BC Parks

- Anna McIndoe provided a presentation on [BC Parks Management Planning in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area](#).
- NEBC Wildlife Fund would like a full public meeting with stakeholder's review (as per the Northern Rockies Park) with public meetings in Fort Nelson and FSJ and the Peace. We understand that you are reviewing Parks Plans for over 15 parks in one lump – we do not feel this allows for adequate engagement, review, and feedback by all parties. We also have not received any information on this. We would appreciate the meeting be agreed to and that information be circulated appropriately. A: This is not being planned and not part of the engagement process. Anna is open to further dialogue on this however, and will incorporate feedback
- Q: Have the M-K Wildlife Management Plans been reviewed? A: MK wildlife plans have not been reviewed and is a separate piece of work.
- NEBCWF and I'm sure other groups, have a lot of knowledge, history and thought that ought to be included in these planning processes. NE BCWF is willing to commit volunteer hours to support the planning process for BC Parks
- Q: There was a large amount of work done on the Graham Laurier plan, how will this be incorporated into the new planning process? A: Graham Laurier Park has had a lot of work already done on a draft management plan. This previous work and recommended management direction will be incorporated and updated in the current draft management plan based on the results of the engagement process with the public, First Nations, and stakeholders.
- Is the Kaska Conservancy part of this work? A: The Kaska Conservancy is not a part of this process
- Anna McIndoe Email: Anna.McIndoe@gov.bc.ca phone: (250) 645-9309
- **Action:** M-KMA stakeholder list to be sent out to Roundtable participants and shared on the NE Roundtable website. **Update:** [BC Parks M-KMA Plan Stakeholder List](#)

7. Other Business/Suggested Topics

- Future meetings dates: **September 23, October 28, and December 2, 2020**
- **Action:** Incorporate more time in future agendas for questions

8. Next Meeting

- Next meeting: **September 23, 2020**