

YUKON SALMON COMMITTEE
Meeting #53
September 20-22, 2005
Whitehorse, Yukon

MEETING DATES 2005-2006

Meetings to Date (2005-2006)

Alsek River Working Group	January 28, 2005	Whitehorse
Porcupine River Working Group	February 17, 2005	Old Crow
YSC Meeting #50	February 22-24, 2005	Whitehorse
Yukon River Working Group	March 15, 2005	Whitehorse
YSC Aquaculture Workshop	March 16-17, 2005	Whitehorse
Old Crow Public Meeting	April 4, 2005	Old Crow
YSC Meeting #51	April 5-7, 2005	Dawson City
Dawson Public Meeting	April 6, 2005	Dawson City
YSC Meeting # 52	May 17-19, 2005	Whitehorse
Whitehorse Public Meeting	May 18, 2005	Whitehorse
YSC Meeting # 53	Sept. 20-22, 2005	Whitehorse

Upcoming Meeting Dates (tentative)

YSC Meeting # 54	November 1-4, 2005	Whitehorse
DFO Dialogue Session	November 15, 2005	Whitehorse
Yukon River Working Group	November 16, 2005	Whitehorse
JTC	Nov 21-23	Anchorage
Yukon River Panel	Dec 5-9	Anchorage
Alsek River Working Group	December 13, 2005 (tentative)	TBA
Porcupine River Working Group	December 15, 2005 (tentative)	Old Crow
YSC Meeting # 55	February 21-23, 2006	Whitehorse
Yukon River Working Group	February 24, 2006 (tentative)	Whitehorse
Yukon River Panel	March 6-10	Whitehorse
Porcupine River Working Group & Old Crow Public Meeting	April 3, 2006 (tentative)	Old Crow
YSC Meeting # 56	April 4-6, 2006	Dawson
Dawson Public Meeting	April 5 or 6, 2006	Dawson
Haines Junction Public Meeting	TBA	
Whitehorse Public Meeting	TBA	

MEETING SUMMARY

1. **Announcements**
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Review Action Items**
4. **Review Minutes from Meeting #52 (May 2005)**
5. **Review Correspondence**
6. **Review 2005-2006 Budget – Louise Naylor**
7. **Review Calendar**
8. **Outstanding Business:**
 - Coal Bed Methane Recommendation (Action Item # 49-13)
 - YSC recommendation re: Permits for Transfer of Salmon Genetic Materials briefing from S. Johnston
 - Aquaculture Consultations
 - Yukon Queen II
9. **Recognition of Gord Zealand**
10. **Briefing on Closure and Reclamation of Faro site**
11. **Habitat Update** – Bob Van Dijken
 - Faro
 - Minto Resources
 - Brewery Creek
 - Western Silver
 - BYG Mt. Nansen
 - UKHM
 - Reclamation Policy
 - Regulations for Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)
 - Dawson sewage
12. **Yukon Queen II Briefing** (Hugh Monahan)

13. **Placer Briefing** – Steve Gotch (DFO), Rob Thomson (YTG, EM&R), Claire Derome (Executive Director, Placer Regime), Gail Barnaby (CYFN)
14. **Enforcement Update** – Henri Ragetli (A/Chief Conservation & Protection)
15. **Salmon Conservation Catch Card** – Steve Smith
16. **YSC recommendation re: de-linking of commercial and domestic fisheries**
17. **YSC recommendation re: de-linking of commercial and domestic fisheries** (briefing from Siegi Kriegl, A/Area Director)
18. **YSC Audit** – Siegi Kriegl, A/DFO Area Director
19. **Members' Updates:**
 - Pelly Gathering – Joe Johnson
 - Old Crow Salmon Gathering – Vicky Josie/Esau Schaefer
 - YRITWC Summit, Moosehide – Carl Sidney
20. **Community Updates:**
21. **Other Business**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday **September 20th, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.**
Location: **Large Board Room, 419 Range Road**

Present:

Joe Johnson	Lorelei Smith
Vicky Josie	Chuck Hume (1 st Day Only)
Carl Sidney	Dan McDiarmid
Gerry Couture	Craig McKinnon (Absent Wed PM)
Esau Schaefer (9:45)	Ed Kormendy

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at (9:10 am)

Opening Prayer

1. Announcements

- Welcome to new members Esau Schaefer, Ed Kormendy and Dan McDiarmid
- Welcome to new Executive Secretary Steve Smith
Members Introduce themselves with Backgrounds

2. Review Agenda

- Accepted (Lorelei, seconded by Gerry)

3. Review Action Items

The following items were discussed at the meeting, but do not require any further follow-up. All action items that are still ongoing are included in the “Summary of Action Items”.

Action Items Accepted (Chuck, Seconded by Vicky)

ACTION ITEM #46-22: BVD to draft a letter to the Commissioner for Sustainable Development about the system for water licensing in the Yukon, as we have noticed a pattern of water licenses expiring and operations continuing. Include a brief summary of examples.

The draft article will be completed before Nov. 22nd and submitted for review and approval.

Aug/05: Draft letter received for review. Letter sent back to BVD for amendments August 11th. Amendments received September 19th, 2005 for Chair’s review and approval. Letter sent Sept. 26th.

ACTION ITEM #49-28: BVD to follow up with DIAND Type II Mines Office about scheduling a meeting with DIAND and YSC re: Faro, to coincide with the February YSC meeting.

Mtg. #50: nothing received to date.

Mtg. # 51: Bob to try to coordinate something for May Meeting.

Aug 05 – Bob to try and coordinate for September meeting.

Sept. 05 – Secretariat has arranged for briefing on Closure and Reclamation of Faro site for Sept meeting.

ACTION ITEM #51-4: BVD to draft a letter to the Type II Mines office of DIAND, introducing the YSC, re-stating our concerns re: the length of time the reclamation plan for Faro is taking and stating that the YSC would like to see the best, long-term plan for the reclamation of the Faro mine site, rather than the cheapest. Cc to Ross River DC and SFN.

Sent Aug 19th, 2005.

ACTION ITEM #51-5: BVD to draft a letter to the Water Board stating the YSC's concerns with the extension of the Minto Resources water licence c.c. to Selkirk FN.

Sent electronically Aug 19th, 2005.

ACTION ITEM #51-6: BVD to check into the water licence and the allowable discharge levels of selenium for the Brewery Creek property, as it is very near to spawning areas. Findings to be circulated to YSC. Include monitoring requirements for the water licence.

Aug 05: Summary received and circulated by e-mail to YSC members.

ACTION ITEM #51-8: BVD to provide a briefing to Carl Sidney on the mining reclamation process and water licensing for the week of April 11th.

Met with Carl Sidney to provide briefing on reclamation and water licensing.

ACTION ITEM #51-9: Carl to approach the LSCFN (Sue Davis) and offer the assistance of Bob Van Dijken in reviewing Western Silver's project description and identifying a list of deficiencies.

Carl spoke with the Chief offering assistance, but has not heard anything further. Carl will provide update at September meeting. LSCFN has hired contractor to assist with this issue.

ACTION ITEM #51-10: Secretariat to try to arrange a meeting with Christine Cleghorn, BVD and Carl Sidney on April 15th, if possible, to discuss concerns with the Mining Reclamation & Closure policy and a possible joint recommendation by the Board and YSC.

BVD, Carl and Andrea will meet with Board Chair and Executive Director April 15th.

Mtg. #52: Secretariat to ensure that the YSC's comments are submitted.

Comments were submitted to Kevin Brewer.

Kevin Brewer called Aug. 10th and indicated that another workshop will likely be held in late September or early October; he also indicated that he would be happy to provide a briefing and answer any questions at the next YSC meeting.

See Action Item #53-13.

ACTION ITEM #51-11: BVD and Carl Sidney to develop a draft recommendation regarding YTG's draft Mining Reclamation Policy, possibly in partnership with the YFWMB (see 51-10).

Breakfast meeting held with Carl Sidney and representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board. Draft recommendations on the mining reclamation policy prepared and forwarded to secretariat and submitted to YTG.

ACTION ITEM #51-13: BVD to review past environmental screenings for Dawson Sewage, to identify and summarize the impacts of the effluent on fish. Provide briefing to YSC at May meeting.

Mtg. #53: Review of previous screening presented at YSC September meeting.

ACTION ITEM #51-18: BVD to do a literature search of electro-magnetic force fields associated with culverts, and their potential impacts on the upstream migration of fish.

Info on electromagnetic/galvanic action on fish can be found at:

<http://www.protroll.com/blkbox7.html> Article discusses sensitivity of various species to electromagnetic forces. Some fish (including salmon) are attracted to positive voltages (anodes). The article suggests that if culverts are built using dissimilar metals it could generate a negative electric current, causing fish to possibly avoid it. Copy of article in read file.

ACTION ITEM #52-1: Secretariat to find out details of VGFN Salmon Gathering in June 2005 and pass on details to YSC members.

Provided to members during May meeting.

ACTION ITEM #52-3: Secretariat to draft a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board indicating that the YSC will not be able to provide an update on the aquaculture consultations at their June meeting, but will be reviewing the consultations during their June meeting and will brief the Board as soon as possible.

Letter sent May 27, 2005.

ACTION ITEM #52-5: Secretariat to draft a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board thanking them for meeting, indicating that the YSC will proceed with their letter regarding Coal bed methane (copy to the Board) and that the YSC encourages the Board to continue to explore this important issue and keep the Committee apprised of their progress.

Letter drafted for review May 26th. Sent June 1st, 2005.

ACTION ITEM #52-6: Secretariat to draft a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board suggesting that they contact Benoit Godin of EC, for a briefing on road salt management and its impacts on fish and wildlife.

Board contacted via e-mail August 1st. Contact information for Benoit Godin provided.

ACTION ITEM #52-8: Carl to draft a letter to the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission introducing the YSC and requesting an invitation to their 13th Annual Meeting in October.

Carl will provide update at September meeting.

ACTION ITEM #52-9: Lorelei/Andrea to contact Dawson Habitat steward asking for details on the Celebration of Salmon in Dawson. Ask for clarification of participants, concept, activities etc.

Andrea e-mailed Sebastien for details May 18th. Reply included in June Read File.

ACTION ITEM #52-10: Joe Johnson to attend the May Gathering in Pelly May 24-26. Joe provided update at September meeting.

ACTION ITEM #52-12: Secretariat to arrange for a briefing of the results of the YSC Audit for the June meeting. If possible, briefing to be provided by those who conducted the audit. Copy of the Audit to be provided to members for review.

Andrea requested that Auditors provide briefing and was advised that this is the responsibility of DFO's Regional Management Committee. DFO Area Director has been advised of request (e-mail sent June 30th). Copy of audit sent to YSC members July 5th via e-mail. Briefing arranged for September meeting.

ACTION ITEM #52-13: Carl to contact Sebastien via e-mail to communicate the management decision regarding the Dawson fishery.

Andrea spoke with Sebastian May 27th, and advised of the YSC's decision as Carl was not able to touch base with him.

ACTION ITEM #52-14: Sandy Johnston to look into the possibility of incorporating Traditional Knowledge into the Transplant Committee, through a new representative.

Sandy will provide an update on this item as part of his briefing to the YSC on Aquaculture Policy.

ACTION ITEM #52-15: Secretariat to post proceedings from Aquaculture workshop on YSC website and send notification to participants of its availability.

All proceedings from the YSC Aquaculture workshop were posted to the YSC website and a notification was sent out June 24th.

4. Review Minutes from Meeting #52 (May 2005)

- No Changes, Accepted (Chuck, Seconded by Vicky)

BREAK (10:15)

5. Review Correspondence

Request for participation in Steering Committee for 2006 Celebration of Salmon (Dawson)

- Committee discussion, Ed and Gerry to volunteer to work with/on the Steering Committee. Gerry to contact Sebastian
- Suggested YSC meeting on the land in Dawson to coincide with Celebration.

ACTION ITEM #53-1: Gerry Couture to contact Sebastian Jones to advise that he and Ed Kormendy will participate on the Steering Committee for Dawson's Celebration of Salmon.

6. Review 2005-2006 Budget – Louise Naylor

FINANCE UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

YSC's current signing authorities with Toronto Dominion Bank

- Carl Sidney
- Lorelei Smith
- Gerry Couture
- Hardy Ruf (removed)
- Craig McKinnon
- Chuck Hume

As Hardy is no longer a YSC member, the list has been revised to remove Hardy. If the committee requests that additions be made, that means that the bank will require a letter advising them of the revisions and then all account documents will need to be completed again, including signing authority cards.

Meeting #53: YSC Signing Authorities list is sufficient, no further changes or additions required at this time.

GST Rebate

The YSC submitted a request for a rebate of \$5195.31 on April 15, 2005. Unfortunately, Revenue Canada chose to review the YSC account this year which resulted in a delay in payment of the rebate. The review resulted in no changes to our file and the rebate was eventually paid on September 6, 2005. Payment was received September 12, 2005 with interest of \$39.97; total rebate received was \$5235.28. This rebate was used to cover off some of the outstanding invoices from April-May and utility costs.

Funding

The YSC Treasury Board Agreement is an agreement that is required by Canada before funding is provided to DFO. The Treasury Board submission was delayed numerous times. Finally the TB submission made it on the TB agenda and was approved on August 30, 2005. A Contribution Agreement has been signed by the Chair of the YSC, and is now in the system requesting signatures of authority up to the Assistant Deputy Minister (the ADM's signature is a new requirement as per the Terms and Conditions of the Treasury Board Agreement). Once signatures are acquired on the appropriate documents funds can be released to the YSC. We hope the funding will be in the bank by Friday September 23, but it is felt that the following week (week of Sept. 26th) is more realistic.

An advance of \$72,290 is being requested, then a claim of \$70,520 will be submitted for the first 5 months (April-August). We may have to submit only for the first 4 months since the agreement is for quarterly payments. The committee will be required to pay back the loan to the Yukon River Panel on receipt of funds, and we will be arranging for this repayment immediately upon receipt of funds.

ACTION ITEM #53-2: Carl Sidney and Secretariat to draft a letter to CYFN Leadership requesting time on the Leadership agenda to discuss the problems the YSC experienced this year regarding their funding. Intent of this meeting is to advise Leadership of the YSC's funding gap and to request their assistance in ensuring that this situation does not recur in the future. Cc to YTG, FED, IRWG, all Chiefs, FNs.

Contract Commitments

The YSC has annually requested proposals for a Habitat Consultant. In 2003/2004 the contract was awarded to Bob van Dijken with an option to extend annually for 2 additional years. Last year the option was accepted for the additional year, the optional year ended March 31, 2005, and no further action has been taken to initiate another contract. Note all previous contracts have been issued through the DFO contracting system. A new contract format will need to be developed for the YSC due to the new funding arrangements.

Bob has continued working for the committee although no signed contract is currently in place for this fiscal year.

Options:

- a. Does the Committee want to extend the contract for the remainder of the additional year with BVD?
- b. Does the Committee want to initiate a new tender for proposals?

ACTION ITEM #53-3: Secretariat to extend the Habitat Consultant contract until the end of this fiscal year. Contract to be posted for the new fiscal year. Louise to look at developing a contract policy that is in line with YSC operating procedures.

7. Review Calendar

- YSC meeting dates 2005-06
 - Meeting #54: Nov 1-4, Whitehorse
 - Meeting #55: Feb.21-23, Whitehorse

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm for lunch.

Meeting was reconvened at 13:41.

- Meeting #56: April 4-6, Dawson City
- PRWG (tentative Dec 15 – Old Crow, second PRWG meeting to be scheduled during working group meeting)
- ARWG (tentative Dec 13 – location TBD, second meeting to be scheduled at first working group meeting and Public Meeting)
- DFO Dialogue Session (Nov 15 - Whitehorse) (Sandy J. briefly went over what issues were on the agenda)
- YRWG (Nov 16 – Whitehorse; Feb 24 - Whitehorse)

- Public Meetings: Dawson (evening April 5 or 6), (Old Crow (April 3); Haines Junction – TBD by Working Group and in conjunction with RRC; Whitehorse –To be determined, based on issues brought to the YSC

ACTION ITEM #53-4: Secretariat to post upcoming YSC meeting dates on website.

ACTION ITEM #53-5: Secretariat to contact ARRC to determine the date of their Open House. YSC member to make a presentation at this open house (if possible) in lieu of a Public Meeting in Haines Junction.

ACTION ITEM #53-6: Secretariat to arrange for the distribution of information on the Yukon River IFMP and YSC issues (posting to web site, e-mail distribution, newspaper and radio ads). Secretariat to request public comments/feedback; if there is sufficient public interest; a Whitehorse Public Meeting will be scheduled.

- JTC – Anchorage (Nov 21-23) (Carl, Gerry, Lorelei)
- Yukon River Panel (Week of Dec 5 (Open to additional participants 7/8) Anchorage)
- Timing of YSC Youth contest.

ACTION ITEM #53-7: Secretariat to hire coordinator for YSC Youth Contest ASAP. Contractor to solicit suggestions from teachers and DFO Education Coordinator on design and timing of the contest and to develop proposal on contest design and implementation for YSC review.

- Budget for coordination is \$3k (plus expenses for printing, postage, advertising etc.
- Possible presentation to teachers at professional day or actively promoting it in the schools.
- Proposed best dates or timelines for running of Youth Contest.
- Aquaculture update to Board (Included later in agenda)
- DFO Dialogue Session - Nov. 15th (Wild Salmon Policy, SARA, Fisheries reform, changes to Fisheries Act etc. - Sandy Johnston to discuss) Re-writing act. Presentation of Wild Salmon Policy, presentation on SARA (particularly Bering Cisco) Dialogue Session will form part of consultation. (Gerry requested to be registered, Lorelei, Chuck, Carl)

ACTION ITEM #53-8: Secretariat to arrange for the registration of Lorelei, Gerry, Chuck and Carl at the DFO Dialogue Session, November 15th.

- RRC AGM (Mayo) – week of Oct 17th (tentative dates are Oct 21-23) Chair only to go.

ACTION ITEM #53-9: Secretariat to contact Mayo RRC to confirm dates and agenda for the RRC AGM. YSC Chair to attend a portion of the RRC AGM (that portion which is relevant to the YSC's mandate).

8. Outstanding Business:

Coal Bed Methane Recommendation (Action Item # 49-13)

Action Item - Secretariat to obtain a copy of the resolution from the YRITWC re: coal bed methane. YSC will write a letter supporting this resolution, and forward to the YTG who has responsibility for Oil and Gas in the Yukon.

Faxed copy of the resolution was received from YRITWC November 25th and reviewed with YSC members at meeting #49. Letter must be drafted.

Mtg. #51: Carl, Bob and Andrea met with the Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director of the Board April 15th. The Board indicated that they were not willing to support this resolution without a further briefing, which included industry's perspective. YSC Chair requested that this item be further discussed with the Committee prior to a letter being drafted.

Mtg. #52: Secretariat to draft a letter for review. Draft letter to be forwarded to YSC members for review. Louise drafted letter and distributed to YSC for review Aug. 11th. BVD provided revised draft for review Aug. 22nd. Andrea sent revised letter to YSC for review Aug. 30th and requested clarification if letter is intended as a formal recommendation.

- Draft letter needs to be put into a Formal Recommendation to be drafted by Executive Secretary for signature by Carl. Moved by Ed Kormendy, Seconded by Dan McDiarmid.

YSC recommendation re: Permits for Transfer of Salmon Genetic Materials briefing from S. Johnston

- Policy on Access to Aquatic Resources as it applies to Aquaculture briefing. (Summarized by S. Johnston)
- Policy is written in support of Aquaculture
 - The Policy provides for direct access to wild aquatic resources where DFO manages that access. (Does DFO Manage access to the Hatchery?)
 - Different types of access could include Shellfish Gametes, aquatic plants for feed, brood stock for development, for research and development or production of commercial brood stock, to revitalize or expand brood stock, replace lost brood stock, access to juveniles for on going projects etc..
 - Access is usually in relatively low numbers of wild fish.
 - When the Policy does not apply, the proponents are required to submit a request for collection permit through the Area Director. Submit an application through the introduction and transfer committee. In this case they would be required to submit an application to the Yukon and the BC committee since two different waters are affected, usually the receiving waters Introduction and Transfer committee would be required to spend the most time on the application, since they are more likely to be affected...S. Johnston provided process required for decision making

process. Area Director would make decisions for salmon. Transplant committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Area Director to approve or not.

- Policy does not apply if the proponent goes directly to a licensed fisher. (Answer to Q)
- The proponent chose to catch the fish themselves then it does fall under this policy.
- If an Allocation for aquaculture is required it can be incorporated into the IFMP
- Concern that the recommendation to the Minister may not have addressed the specific issue of Gametes to outside the Yukon for net cage farming. The policy may not apply because of third party.
- Need to make sure that cultural values and values of Yukoners are put into the decision making process through National Code on Introductions and Transfers and a clear decision making process.

BREAK (1515h)

- Policy does not apply in this case and need to further define the decision making process as outlined in the National Code on Introductions and Transfers.

ACTION ITEM #53-10: Secretariat to draft a response to the Minister regarding the YSC's recommendation re: transport of salmon genetic material. Letter to indicate that the YSC are recommending a moratorium on the Transport of Yukon Salmon Gametes out of the Yukon for the purpose of net cage farming until such time that the decision making process under the National Code on Introductions and Transfers is clear for the Yukon, and includes the involvement of the YSC.

Response to touch on the following points:

- Policy does not apply due to the fact that it is being accessed through a third party. We feel the decision process under the NCIT does apply. The decision making process under the code is unclear in Yukon and until it is both clear and includes the involvement of the Yukon Salmon Committee we recommend a moratorium on the Transport of Yukon Salmon Gametes out of the Yukon for the purpose of net cage farming.

Aquaculture Consultations

- YSC members have been provided with a binder containing all of the information, presentations and public comments received on the issue of the transfer of salmon genetic material from the Yukon.
- The Chair requested that everyone thoroughly review their binders.
- Next meeting the Committee will be spending a day reviewing the contents and determining the next steps on this issue.

Yukon Queen II

- The YSC discussed the letters received to date on this Yukon Queen II issue.
- Hugh Monaghan provided an update on the status of the project: There was a decision a while back to move the project into the Science and have an independent project coordinator in doing so the Yukon Panel took over study. Two contractors were then hired, one in Geomorphology and one in fisheries biology. Obtained partial information, from local contractor (Access) developed report as to where to go from a management perspective, but some of the fishery biology information was not complete in regard to recommendations. Due to the fact that no clear timeline was known when the final portion of the report was to be received Hugh made numerous attempts to get all parties together to finalize the management perspective with no success. The Management team are Holland America, YTG (2 Deputy Minister's), and Hugh as Yukon Panel. The Management Team Meeting with the contractor is now scheduled for Sept 21 pm review the information available and to decide on how to proceed, need to decide whether or not the community process (team) is truly in place and able to continue with resolving the issue. Following the meeting the co-Chair of the Panel will be briefed from the Panel perspective of where things are at along with the recommendations.
- Question put to the YSC as to whether or not we want to continue to take part in the community process. Response differed and dependent on results from the Management team meeting Sept 21.

9. Recognition of Gord Zealand

- Recognizes Gord's involvement in the work he has done for the YSC by Chair and committee.

Wednesday **September 21st, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.**
Location: **Large Board Room, 419 Range Road**

All members present with the exception of Chuck Hume.
Meeting was called to order at 0903h.

10. Briefing on Closure and Reclamation of Faro site – Roger Payne (Director, Faro Mine Closure Planning Office), Bill Slater & Marg Crombie (Director, Assessment of Abandoned Mines for Energy Mines & Resources, YTG)

- Provided background on implementation of the Closure Planning for Faro Mine
 - Closure Office in Whitehorse (Roger Payne/Bill Slater)
 - Dec 2006 - Closure Date is outlined in Current Water Licence for a closure plan to be submitted by.
 - Interim Receiver (Deloitte & Touche) continues to focus on care and maintenance until closure plan is in place. D&T have been undertaking

closure studies for 3 years to compile the technical information that is required for developing the closure plan.

- Developing a Closure Plan is now the focus of the responsibility of the Closure Office.
- Government is legally responsible at the end of the day
- Covered by Contaminated Sites Program
- 320 million tonnes of waste rock combined from both sites (contains pockets of and scattered waste rock)
- 2003 - Hunters claim to have seen adult salmon in Rose creek (AVF)
- 2004 - Juvenile Salmon were found in Rose creek (AVF)
- There are earlier studies in the area that show Juvenile present in Van Gorda (AVF)
- In Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) sulphate shows up first and is an indicator; zinc shows up later in the water.
 - The forecast is that 12,000 tons of sulphate is going to be produced annually at the Faro site with the present waste rock. This sulphate has not been seen and neither has the expected 154 tonnes of soluble Zinc.
 - The expected AR process should peak in approximately 250 years
 - Currently no sign of ARD in streams and monitoring for any sign of ARD. Would move to mitigate that impact should it appear prior to implementing Closure Plan.

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- Current studies on going regarding possible covers for waste rock
 - Soil cover over the waste rock that you could grow plants. Ideally would limit the water flow through the waste rock (i.e. water would evaporate out as opposed to flow down through waste rock)
 - Current cover from 1994, had minimal erosion, but studies are on going to determine how well they perform in preventing flow of water in the waste rock.
 - Till type materials could be used as a cover as it is not acid generating.
 - For AR generation you need both water and air. Therefore putting a pit completely under water could block out the air.
 - Most significant potential ARD generating are the Oxide Fines and Low Grade Ore on site.
- Could treat metal laden water in pits with fertilizer to promote algae growth that would consume the metal and deposit on the bottom. (Grum Pit – yes, Van Gorda Pit – no, Faro Pit – maybe)
- Outflow water is treated with lime for PH adjustment
- Faro Pit Outflow, problem is that currently outflows into a high ARD generating site, possible solution would be to dam the pit, thereby raising the water level and creating a different outflow that wouldn't go through the high ARD generating material
- 3 stream diversions
 - Faro Creek Diversion
 - could divert creek around site and down into Rose/Anvil Valley

- could go through Faro Pit if the pit was used as a treatment pit
 - Van Gorda Diversion
 - Could go through Dickson Creek
 - Currently a half-culvert diversion (problematic)
 - Rose Creek Diversion (4km – largest diversion on site)
 - Current diversion keeps the creek out of the tailings
 - Diversion needs to withstand a probable maximum flood
 - Only considering widening the channel it would take a 70 meter wide stream
 - Rock Dam could act as a flow restriction a peak flood (would need to be upgraded if considered as permanent structure)
 - If tailings could be moved, creek could be put back into valley.
- Tailings:
 - Studying is on going on how tailing could effect Rose Creek in the long term
 - Indications are that ground water takes about 20 years to move from top of tailing to the bottom of the tailings
 - All of the mediation measures would require some sort of water collection and treatment
 - Properties of Tailings – not stable in earthquake conditions, dams wouldn't fail but the material within the tailings would shift causing a break in the cover (if used)
 - Could remove, all or some of tailings to facilitate the diversion of Rose creek into the valley. There are 57 mil tonnes of tailings.
 - If only part of the tailings were removed, then the diversion reconstruction cost would be less, work would also be required on the main dam.
 - The intermediate dam if it was to continue to be used in this way in all or part the structure would require upgrades.
- Environmental Assessment
 - Water Quality Studies and evaluations
 - Terrestrial Effects
 - Determining physical scope of contamination
 - Likely due to air borne contaminates
 - Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment
 - Uses terrestrial effects and water quality
- Previewed a number of Technical Studies upcoming related to many of the considerations discussed in the presentation.
- Next Steps
 - Site Divided into three areas
 - Faro Mine Area
 - Tailings
 - Vangorda/Grum Mine Area
 - Closure concepts being considered for all areas

- Closure alternatives are being developed for each component on the site.
 - Through studies and comparing costs
- Alternatives will be presented to communities and FNs for consideration and suggestions
- The alternative will be evaluated against the closure objectives
- The comments and suggestion will be used in selecting which alternative should receive further consideration in compiling overall closure options
- Once the Oversight committee selects the appropriate alternatives for further consideration; overall closure options will be developed and presented to communities.
- Closure Plan required in 2006 as per Water Licence. (discussion about the hard and fast dates related to Water Licence amendments – not just any plan but the right plan)
- Discussion about lessons learned. Options are there from a technological and current practices aspect as well as from a security/bond aspect. Legislation today is different then the 30+ years ago when Faro Mine started (YESA) Politics are a variable.
- Comments: Oversight Committee – any ability for the YSC to be included, Concerns of lack of involvement of YSC in workshops, processes.
- There was no new information to discuss with people so no workshop was held this year.
- Partnership process flows from Devolution agreement. It was never expected those people would be the only people involved. The desire is to have everyone involved but concern over involving everyone in the planning process, it would never get concluded. YSC should expect to be involved and hopefully have the time to be involved. The intention is to currently gather technical info in order that they can present to stakeholders such as YSC in order that their input can be gathered. The hope is that next year the Office will be discussing with stakeholders.
- Another key component is having the opportunity for people to understand the technical studies because they form the basis of decisions for moving forward.
- Document this issue for public information and lessons learned? Yes the office is established and will form a mechanism for documentation. Restated concern for lessons learned and regulatory regimes (Gerry).

Meeting was adjourned at 1200 for lunch.

Meeting was reconvened at 1330.

11. Habitat Update – Bob Van Dijken

Bob briefed the YSC on his new employment situation. He would still be able to do paperwork but might have problems getting 2-3 days off for things like Water

Board hearings or things like that. The YSC decided to continue with the Habitat Consultant contract until the end of the fiscal year. (See Action Item 53-3)

Faro:

The Committee were scheduled to receive a briefing from the Type II mines office on the status of the Faro site. There had been talk of a workshop regarding reclamation options for the site since early this year, however to date I have received no further information on what steps are next.

- Carl advised Bob that the YSC has had confirmation that they will be involved and try to keep us informed. Some discussion about the morning's presentation by the Faro Mine Closure Planning Office

Minto Resources:

The Company has applied for a ten year extension on its water licence. To date, there hasn't been a great deal of activity at the site. The environmental assessment for the water licence request has been completed, however a water licence hearing has not yet been held.

- Water Licence issued about 10 years ago.
- Had prepared for a building, then company buy-outs led to no activity.
 - Recent purchase has renewed interest in the project and extension of the water licence.
 - Some standards may have changed over the past 10 years and there may be a need to have the licence updated.

ACTION ITEM #53-11: BVD to draft a letter to the Water Board requesting on behalf of the YSC that they explore updating the standards, rather than grand fathering the existing requirements for the water licence for Minto Resources.

Brewery Creek:

Work continued this summer on reclamation of the site. An activity report has not yet been submitted for reclamation activity this year. Water quality results to date seem reasonable. A report on the water quality standards for selenium was prepared for the Committee as per action item 51-6.

- Approximately 80% complete. Water Quality appears to be good. Indications are that the Head detoxification went fairly well.
- Is 15 years long enough? For the most part the quantity of water is small and 15 years would show indications, if a concern was emerging. Sulphates are showing up in monitoring wells which also indicates that 15 years is an appropriate timeline.
- In the event that at year 14 a problem is emerging, is there a mechanism in the plan to capture the element? Will likely be risk managed by YTG due to the unlikelihood of it happening given the information to date. Evidence of this is the fact that YTG has released some of the security. Monitoring will continue.
- YTG now has the responsibility for monitoring the site under the Waters Act and has visited the site.

- EC may also have an interest under Section 36 of the Fisheries Act. Not sure whether or not they have visited the site.
- Concern expressed over companies being in charge of monitoring themselves or collecting base line data and how that is audited.

Western Silver:

The Company has continued work on its environmental assessment. An offer was made to the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation for the Committee's habitat consultant to do some work with the First Nation on the project. The offer was not taken up and the First Nation engaged Bill Slater to do some work for them on this project.

- Previously Western Copper, showed renewed interest in property near Carmacks
- Carl met with chief and director (separately) of Little Salmon Carmacks offering assistance.
- Company has been working on their EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment)

BYG Mt. Nansen:

The Type II mines office was on site again this year. There has been no indication that work is progressing on a reclamation plan for this site.

- YTG continues to be responsible for the care and maintenance of the site; funding from Federal Government.
- Committee interested in providing letter of support for Type II mines receiving enough funding to proceed with the development of a reclamation plan.

ACTION ITEM #53-12: BVD to contact the Type II Mines Office to determine if there is any value in the YSC providing a letter of support to them recommending that they receive funding for the development of a reclamation plan for Mt. Nansen.

UKHM:

This site had been marketed by the federal government. The receiver picked a successful bidder earlier this summer and the company had 90 days to do its due diligence on the site. If the company chose to proceed with the purchase, it would then discuss reclamation and licensing requirements with the Type II mines office and the territorial government. There has been no further word on the process since the announcement that a successful bidder had been named.

- Due Diligence to be done by end of September (approximately)
- Company would have to get new water licence as old water licence has expired.
- There is potential that Type II mines office being responsible for some of the effects and the company responsible for other. How those lines of responsibility get drawn and function on the grounds remains to be seen.

Reclamation Policy:

The Yukon Salmon Committee provided comments on the draft reclamation policy this past spring. At that time representatives from YTG Energy, Mines and

Resources indicated that this was a priority item and that work would be completed quickly. No further word was heard until early August when Kevin Brewer of the mines directorate contacted Andrea and indicated that he would like to talk about the Committees concerns. He was provided with my contact information. To date, there has been no contact from anyone at EMR.

- At informal meeting with Kevin he indicated he is still interested in contacting the committee regarding the YSC's concerns.

ACTION ITEM #53-13: Bob to contact Kevin Brewer to get an understanding of the context under which he is looking to contact the committee, and to arrange a briefing on the Mining Reclamation and Closure Policy.

Regulations for Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA):

Currently, YESAA is scheduled to come into force in November. Earlier this summer there were indications that this date might be postponed again. However progress is being made and the regulations under YESAA were gazetted this past Saturday, September 17th. They can be viewed at:

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2005/20050917/pdf/g1-13938.pdf>.

There is a 30 day comment period. I will review the document and provide draft comments, however once the regulations reach the Canada Gazette there is almost no likelihood that they will be changed.

- Discussion on thresholds under which different classes of projects are reviewed.
- Concern that the Government of Canada has changed the regulation from that which was consulted on.

ACTION ITEM #53-14: BVD to draft a letter regarding the lack of consultation on the changes to the listing in the Mining Land Use Regulations. BVD to provide draft letter to Executive Secretary for distribution to YSC members for comment and finalization. Letter must be received prior to October 17th. Executive Secretary to obtain a copy of the Current Mining Land Use Regulations under the Yukon Quartz Act for Table of Classes I, II, III, for comparison and inclusion with draft letter.

Dawson sewage:

Dawson has been out of compliance with its water licence for a year. In the summer of 2004 Dawson requested a water licence amendment delaying the requirement for better sewage treatment and opening the method of treatment to further review. An environmental assessment of this application has been conducted and the YSC provided comments. The main concern of these comments was the provision of adequate funding for the construction and operation of a system. The final screening documents mentioned that these concerns had been brought forward but did not deal with the concerns. A water licence for this amendment has not yet been scheduled.

The Committee has asked for information on the effects of Dawson's sewage on fish. In standard LC50 tests the effluent is toxic to fish during the summer months. This test places young trout in undiluted sewage effluent for 72 hours. If less than 50% of the fish die, the effluent is not considered toxic. Dawson sewage is discharged into the Yukon River and it is argued that the sewage plume is diluted rapidly. It is argued that fish would avoid the plume and even if they were exposed, it would be only for a very short period of time. However, the main concern is not acute toxicity but chronic toxicity. Part of the sewage plume eddies into shore and this is where concern for chronic toxicity comes into play. Studies indicate that salmon species do not spend long periods of time in this area, rather they pass through this area during migration. However, other species of fish such as sculpins spent long periods of time in this sewage affected area and could see chronic effects to their health, growth and reproduction. There have been no studies which conclusively indicate that fish health has been affected that I am aware of.

ACTION ITEM #53-15: YSC members to review BVD's draft 'Letter to the Editor' regarding Dawson Sewage and provide comments back to the Executive Secretary. Executive Secretary to compile comments and finalize letter for review and approval by Chair.

12. Yukon Queen II Briefing (Hugh Monahan)

- Met with Management committee to figure out where to go from here.
- Letter to go out to community groups with documents attached. The documents would be an Executive Summary which is an attempt to look at the information and analysis received to date, by the technical people. As well as put it in current context including management decision making with an exercise that YTG Environment would look at doing with input from DFO in reference to Environmental Protection Management Plan Risk Matrix and identify mitigative aspects and interim remedial measures.
- Unlikely that Community committee meeting wouldn't happen until sometime before Christmas.
- Q – Does the Executive summary and risk management process account for social elements beyond the technical approach? A - Hugh believes that the overview document should be able to pull in those aspects. Also consider the idea of using a facilitator to flesh out a solution.
- Hugh indicated that YTG Environment and DFO would analyse the Risk Assessment based on DFO Policy.
- YSC expressed concerns about executive summary done in isolation and completed and circulated in time for working group meeting.
- YSC raised concern that DFO Policy Risk Framework process will only deal with Fish Habitat and not social & economic aspects, need to take into account the concerns of the local residents. A – Other aspects will be incorporated.
- YSC voiced concerns about distrust to Management Committee and how the executive summary is going to be produced, also about the length of time this process has taken.

- A- All the information is going to be provided to the constituents the executive summary/analysis will be distributed separately; there is no attempt to limit the information.
- A- The initial work done in Dawson was credible. Gideon has said from day one that the science must be defensible. Tourism and Environment have their mandates and each person can represent their interests. Hugh's position is to represent the administration from the Panels perspective, no direction has been given from the Panel on what level if any the Panel intends to make into this.
- Some explanation on funding from Hugh. Both Panel and YTG funded.
- Reports are currently available.
- Upstream interests should be informed. Upstream RRC and FNs have been cc'd on this issue and should get the executive summary. Possible Yukon River Working Group to be briefed on issue by Hugh.
- DFO still needs to be consulted on the timelines and recommendations of the management committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 1622.

Thursday September 22nd, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Large Board Room, 419 Range Road

All members except Chuck present.
Meeting was called to order at (0909h).

13. Placer Briefing – Steve Gotch (DFO), Rob Thomson (YTG, EM&R), Claire Derome (Executive Director, Placer Regime), Gail Barnaby (CYFN)

Placer Regime Framework

- Presentation Includes:
 - Background to date
 - In the summer of 2002 the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans Canada announced that the Yukon Placer Authorization would be replaced by a series of site specific reviews and authorizations for all Placer Mining applications in the Yukon Territory. (YSC comment that the date of the Minister's announcement was Dec 16th 2002).
 - In May of 2003 a record of agreement was signed by the three governments. Two groups were formed from this agreement, a steering committee and a working committee.
 - Transition to the new Regime is to be by 2007.
 - One of the key elements of the regime process was the incorporating of the fish habitat Risk assessment matrix that was developed nationally by DFO, to explain how DFO makes regulatory decisions under the fisheries act.
 - Comments/Discussion: (YSC & presenters)
 - In characterizing the players in the game there is some concern with the term family operation in regard to placer – There are major

difference on how the companies operate, some are fairly wealthy and on the other hand all the fishing operations in the Yukon are family operations. It should not matter if they are family or not, the key issue is both have a responsibility to ensure the fish resource are still there after they have operated in the area.

- Miners have a responsibility to ensure there are fish there after they are gone, the fish were there and utilized traditionally by the FN for thousands of years prior to the industry.
- There is hope that this process will assess and establish the true cost to operators prior to getting into a site in order that they can evaluate the cost/benefit of the operation and determine the viability of it.
- This regime is in place to protect fish and fish habitat; it is also in place to provide rules and requirements so industry can make decisions.
- Concern over wording “supporting a fishery”, comment is that the majority of fish support the fishery. A - The intent is to look at habitat that supports fish in a more holistic approach as opposed to a site specific fishery. This the language that was negotiated in the record of the agreement of the three levels of government. Industry had a concern that the perception was the department was trying to protect all habitat whether or not it supported a fishery.
- Suggested that the term “support fishery” be removed and replace with fish habitat. A- This term is in the historic document, and can not be removed and has a legal interpretation that is recognized to protect a habitat whether inhabited by fish now or has potential to support fish.
- Under the UFA YFNs have to the right to water adjacent to their land. Emphasis on quality as well and quantity. The Yukon Water Board is responsible for licencing water access and can stipulate water quality requirements to cover the UFA requirements. This regime covers the fisheries act, but YESAA may also capture broader elements such as social/economic.
- YESAA will assess the regime but individual water licences or authorizations would be subject to YESAA review.
- Q – Earlier it was stated that under this regime no habitat loss would occur, with that statement then the degree of disruption of habitat in regard to mining is at its maximum? Yes, The overall objective of the regime is not to see an increase of disruption in the watershed area, but to see an improvement in it. Streams may be subjected to disruption, but there would be a requirement for compensatory habitat being provided. The risk management decision making framework will be utilized to determine if the disruption can be tolerated.
- Q - Will you accept compensation in money? A- Generally no, because DFO would not be able to guarantee that the money stayed within DFO where it could go back to restoration/mitigation. Compensation as it has been discussed has been always in reference to habitat like for like compensation.

Consultation Plan (including selection criteria for peer review of protocols)

- Establish of Secretariat
 - Answers to the Joint Placer Implementation Committee
 - JPIC = DFO (Sue Farlinger), YTG (DM EM&R), & CYFN (Gail Barnaby)
 - Has an interim Executive Director
 - Consultation Plan to be developed by Secretariat
 - YSC to discuss how they see themselves engaged into the consultation plan. (various protocols/peer review/development)
 - Looking for input from YSC on how the protocols are developed. Once the protocols are developed then there is a consultation process. How does the YSC see themselves involved? YSC indicated at both levels.
 - Funding is limited depending on level of anticipated involvement.
 - YSC to be included in development of protocols (2 members, 1 member to accompany consultation group – FN person for FN gatherings)
 - Gerry: Protocol Development
 - Ed nominated for Protocol Development and Consultation, yet to accept (will update next week)
 - YSC to pen letter to Ed's boss to support Ed's accompaniment of the consultation group.
 - Important of balance and First Nation perspective.
 - Joe accepted as alternate

14. Enforcement Update – Henri Ragetli (A/Chief Conservation & Protection)

- Background within DFO
- Provide context around C&P and changes within C&P
 - 24 positions cut within C&P within Pacific Region
 - Due to shift in Habitat Role
 - This may impact the area in that it may require staff to assist in other jurisdictions when needed.
 - Q - Joe expressed a concern that DFO was not following the guidelines of the UFA where it came to hiring of FN. A- On behalf of C&P, no new C&P officers have been hired since 2002. During that time 3 FN people were put through C&P training, and have taken on positions within DFO other departments.
 - Swing back to C&P reporting through Regional Director instead of Area Director.
 - Committee concerned that C&P not part of an integrated management team and that the result would be a fractured team.
 - Q - What things are being done to ensure that there is no real or appeared fracture amongst the sectors? A - Issues around communication and integration within the sectors still are the

responsibility of the Area Manager. This switch has been going on since June and had I not told you I suspect you or the public would not be aware of the change.

- This year Yukon/Transboundary Rivers area provided support officers in the Fraser River.
- Summary for this year.
 - Habitat issues referred to Oceans Habitat Enhancement Branch of DFO
 - Commercial enforcement activity was increased
 - Fishing w/o licence and assistant licence
 - Domestic Fishery Patrol – positive comments from the field
 - Joint patrol with THFN, positive as well
 - Interaction with Little Salmon Carmacks staff, regarding littering at Tatchun. Not DFO mandate, but work with conservation officer's and talked with fishers. Problem was resolved by individual who were currently fishing on the river at the time.

ACTION ITEM #53-16: Issue of garbage around the fishing site at Tatchun Creek to be added to the next YSC public meeting agenda.

- Concern about Habitat and four wheelers at Tatchun Creek near the campground.
- Most of effort at Tatchun
 - 3 individuals charged for various infractions
- Discussion around use of quads and signage. OHEB concern.

15. Salmon Conservation Catch Card – Steve Smith (Action Item #51-24)

- Explained history and options for resolution of Catch Card
- Explained that a new User Fee bill has been put in place and any changes to existing user fees would have to go through these requirements.
- Once the proposed changes to the Fisheries Act are fully understood DFO will have a better understanding as to whether or not it may fix the Catch Card Licencing issue. Deferred to a later date (after Fisheries Act changes are in place).

16. YSC recommendation re: de-linking of commercial and domestic fisheries (briefing from Siegi Kriegl, A/Area Director)

- Reviewed response from Minister on the issue of de-linking of commercial and domestic fisheries.
- Siegi clarified that all the work has been done on the package sent to the minister. DFO is looking at doing the regulation change, but DFO has to have the recommendation from the YSC to go ahead with the rest of the requirements for the regulation change.

- Need to seek to carry out the formal Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement then come back to the committee.

ACTION ITEM #53-17: DFO to compile and submit a Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement (RIAS) for the de-linking of the commercial and domestic salmon fisheries.

17. YSC Audit – Siegi Kriegl, A/DFO Area Director

- The Audit was done on DFO’s involvement with the YSC, not on the Salmon Committee. Ie. Has DFOs administration of the Yukon Salmon Committee program been efficient and given the public good value for their money?
- Q -What was the final outcome of the audit?
 - A – A number of recommendations came out of the audit some of which were to clear up some of the administration, changed some of the operations; DFO has fulfilled all requirements that came out of the audit.
- Q – “Committee members may not have appropriate expertise”, stated that this is Medium Risk associated to knowledge of Member, what does this mean.
 - Answer is that it is simply a tool for identifying the risk so that it may be managed. It is managed through training and staggered appointments for cross education by members.

Siegi advised that DFO was going to be staffing two biologist positions (BI-05 Habitat, BI-02 Treaties). Invited the committee member to sit in on the interview board and during the screening for the positions.

- a. Committee suggested question in interview regarding the interaction with the committee.

Committee members appreciated Siegi for offering this, a number have seen it done before and accepted Siegi’s offer.

ACTION ITEM #53-18: Secretariat to inform DFO Area Director that Craig McKinnon will on be the selection board for the screening of the biologist position. Alternate: Ed Kormendy.

18. Members’ Updates:

Pelly Gathering – Joe Johnson

- Approximately 75 people, 3 days
- Look at management of the land
- Youngsters took time off school to attend
- Regional Biologist
- River Level: Yukon getting higher (fed by glacier)
- Bull population a little lower near Carmacks/Minto

- At the meeting there was discussion around killing cows to balance
 - Decision not to do it this year but look at it next year after more information collected from the land by Regional Biologist
- They talk about salmon
 - First salmon caught June 26
- Talk about global warming
- Talk about buffalo and elk
- The plan itself has been completed
 - Now to try and get government to look at it
- Recommends YSC members go
- Concept is that everyone takes responsibility for the management of the resource
- Next time YSC is invited they will use the opportunity to listen and participate in the conversation as oppose to going with an agenda.

Old Crow Salmon Gathering – Vicky Josie/Esau Schafer

- Summary of the R&E projects over past years
- Review of chum status/overview by MEJ and Rick Ferguson
- US Fisheries talked about 3 tools they used for management
 - Surveys, etc
- Recommendations and Management Plan
- William looked to get Joint Recommendations with Fort Yukon to Yukon Panel
- Discussed that the Fish wheel didn't work effectively
- PRWG William talked about the chum replacement program
- Explanation of what the YSC does, their mission/mandate etc
- Esau did report on his exchange
 - Confirmed that at Fort Yukon there where no nets on the North Side, only south side
- Improved communication between FNs on each side of the boarder
- Good turn out and strong communication
- Desire to have an annual meeting
- Strong desire to work together
- This summer fish counts on rivers between Fort Yukon and Old Crow
- People happy that there were so many fish this year
- People took what they needed and then pulled their nets – respecting the resource.
- Gerry was there on behalf of the Yukon Panel as it was funded by the Panel
 - Impressed that the two communities that share a river where able to work together
 - Feels that the panel got value for their money.

YRITWC Summit, Moosehide – Carl Sidney

- Talked about training

- Coal Bed Methane discussed again
- Highlight of gathering was the proposed nuclear reactor in, Gilbert Huntington presented
 - Super, safe, small, simple
 - Highly controversial
 - Security Issues
 - Very much opposed
 - Power would be shared with nearby communities
 - Fuel costs are generating the interest
 - Carl nominated to sit on a protocol/consultation committee (as member from Dak-ka Nation)

ACTION ITEM #53-21: Secretariat to contact Hugh Monaghan and request that the issue of the proposed nuclear reactor in Galena be added to the agenda for the next Yukon River Panel meeting to address potential effects on salmon and salmon habitat.

- Next YRITWC gathering in St Mary's in two years.

19. Community Updates:

- Craig: No fish at Klukshu but will be discussed further at ARWG
 - Talked to Hillary Clinton regarding the fish and relation to global warming. Talked also with Senator John McCain, both genuinely interested in what was said about salmon.
- Gerry: Commercial in Dawson Fishing pretty good. Fish tasted better than in previous years, Fishers cooperative had a market for fish but in the end not a lot of fish taken in the commercial fishery. Ed added that there was a difference in the size of the fish – the fish are smaller than normal.
- Carl: Teslin fishing was good and in good shape. Interest in Mugundy River, tributary of Little Salmon Lake.
- Lorelei and Carl indicated they thought the fish were bigger.

20. Other Business

- Nomination of Alternates (2) for Yukon River Panel (Deferred to next meeting)
- Agenda for next YSC Meeting
 - Job Shadowing Update (Matthew McHugh)
 - Legal briefing (BNA and Alsek commercial licensing) – Hugh MacAulay
 - AAROM update – Mary Ellen Jarvis
 - Straw dog for Salmon Management Plan – Lorelei Smith
 - Request from AI VF to make presentation on DFOs perspective on Contaminated sites (useful to be put prior to the Health Canada Presentation)

- Federal Contaminated Sites Accelerated Action Plan (52-4) – Cher Lacoste, Health Canada
- Costs and Benefits of Creating a ‘Salmon Synopsis’ – Lorelei Smith
- YSC Performance Questionnaire results
- Review of public comments on transfer of salmon genetic materials
- Briefing from YTG re: Mining Reclamation and Closure Policy?
- YSC elections
- Environmental Impacts of Dawson Sewage (51-15)
- Nomination of Alternates (2) for Yukon River Panel
- Chapter 22 for next agenda – employment of Yukon First Nation People (Joe)
- Invite Stanley and Hardy and Steve T (for Thursday in order to provide overlap with New Members
 - Gifts to committee (Carl to talk to Louise about gifts)
 - Need to order jackets (Carl to talk to Louise about more Jackets)

ACTION ITEM #53-19: Secretariat to invite Stanley Njootli, Hardy Ruf and Steve Taylor to the November YSC meeting (Thursday) for recognition of their contributions to the Committee. Chair to discuss with Louise the purchase of gifts.

ACTION ITEM #53-20: Carl to discuss with Louise the purchase of additional YSC jackets.

Meeting was adjourned.
