

**YUKON SALMON COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting #48**  
**August 25-26, 2004**  
**Klukshu, YT**

**MEETING DATES 2004-2005**

**Meetings to Date (2004-2005)**

Yukon River Working Group	February 4, 2004	Carmacks
YSC Meeting #46	February 24-26, 2004	Whitehorse
Yukon River Panel	March 8-11, 2004	Whitehorse
Yukon River Working Group	March 12, 2004	Whitehorse
Dawson Public Meeting	March 24, 2004	Dawson City
Yukon Placer Committee	March 30, 2004	Whitehorse
Porcupine Working Group & Old Crow Public Meeting	April 21-22, 2004	Old Crow
Alsek Working Group and Haines Junction Public Meeting	April 26, 2004	Haines Junction
YSC Meeting #47	May 11-13, 2004	Whitehorse
Whitehorse Public Meeting	May 12, 2004	Whitehorse
YSC Meeting #48	August 24-26, 2004	Klukshu

**Upcoming Meeting Dates (tentative)**

YSC Meeting #49	November 22-25, 2004	Whitehorse
Yukon River Panel	December 6-9, 2004	Whitehorse
Yukon River Working Grp	December 10, 2004	Whitehorse
YSC Meeting #50	February 22-24, 2005	Whitehorse

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **Review Agenda**
2. **Signing Authority**
3. **Review Action Items**
4. **Cross-Cultural Training – Yukon First Nations**
5. **Review Minutes from May 2004 Meeting**

6. **Cross-Cultural Training – Recreational Fishery (Kathleen River)**
7. **Update from Executive Secretary**
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  - Coal bed methane presentation
  - Concern with YSC PSA's
  - YSC Audit
8. **YSC Funding – Gord Zealand**
  - Contribution Agreement
  - Elections
9. **Update from Executive Secretary (continued)**
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  - IRG request for input on proposal to co-locate with Board
  - CYFN update request
  - RRC response re: YSC letter
  - Office Insurance
10. **Members' Updates:**
  - New placer regime
  - Porcupine Fishery
11. **Review YSC Calender**
  - UNBC Planning Workshop
  - Ta'an Salmon Workshop
12. **Annual Review**
13. **Outstanding Planning Issues**
14. **Other Business**
  - Agenda for next YSC meeting
  - Potential Planning Projects
  - Other
15. **Members' Updates (cont'd)**
  - White River FN Salmon Workshop
  - Yukon River Panel Communications Committee
  - Faro Workshop
  - Faro Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
16. **Community Dinner**

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

Summary of action items will be distributed separately.

## MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday August 25, 2004 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Location: Klukshu Community Hall**

**Present:**

Stan Njootli	Joe Johnson	Carl Sidney	Craig McKinnon
Lorelei Smith	Vicky Josie	Chuck Hume	Gerry Couture
Hardy Ruf	Steve Taylor		

**DFO Staff:**

Andrea Wilson

**Meeting was called to order at 10:40**

Hardy said an opening prayer.

**1. Review Agenda**

- Cross-cultural training (recreational fishing), 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dalton Trail Lodge
- Cross-cultural training (aboriginal fishing) Linaya Workman will coordinate but the YSC may need to be flexible.
- Requested discussion of signing authority takes place first.
- Remainder of items on the agenda were prioritised, so that essential items are covered during this meeting and remainder would be covered during the November meeting.

**2. Signing Authority**

- Under the new Contribution Agreement, need to determine who will sign YSC cheques.
- Suggested that YSC cheques must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair and one other YSC member.
- Suggested that all members be added as signatories to the account.

**ACTION ITEM #48-1: Recommended that all YSC members to be given signing authority on YSC account. Chair to approve all expenditures, or to designate this responsibility to the Vice Chair. Cheques to be signed by any two YSC members, once expenditure is approved. No YSC member to sign a cheque for**

themselves. Operating Procedures to be amended to reflect this and bank to be notified.

**ACTION ITEM #48-2: All YSC members to contact Louise to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork to be added as signatories to the YSC account. Members must also provide a photocopy of two pieces of ID (1 photo ID + additional piece of ID i.e. drivers licence and health card).**

**ACTION ITEM #48-3: Steve Taylor to draft a letter to First Nations outlining the issues of concern to the YSC (aquaculture, 8 commercial licences, IFMPs, collection of harvest data) and ask their assistance in getting on the Leadership agenda. Letter to indicate that the YSC is willing to address one issue at a time to Leadership. (see action item 45-21).**

### 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 ongoing are included under the “Summary of Action Items”.

**ACTION ITEM #45-11: Secretariat to look into providing a jointly funded Boards and Committees Cross-Cultural Training session.**

*Mtg. #46: 2.12.2.9 of the UFA – indicates that the YSC can consider including in its annual budget funding to allow the committee to provide its members with cross cultural orientation and education, .... Etc.*

*Mtg. #47: Suggested that YSC also try to get on agenda for RRC AGM to discuss their mandate and activities. Steve Taylor to organize cross-cultural training for August Klukshu meeting (2 sessions: half day at Dalton Post and half day at Klukshu) on the land. Steve advised that he took some time getting in touch with Betsy Jackson and she was not available for the August meeting.*

**ACTION ITEM #45-21: Secretariat to explore the possibility of sharing a booth with the YF&WMB at CYFN General Assemblies.**

*Kelly Hayes of YF&WMB contacted and advised that the Board no longer does this. They have opted to make presentations to Leadership instead, and generally attend every second Leadership meeting to provide an update.*

*Mtg. #47: YSC Chair to contact the Grand Chief of CYFN to determine if Leadership is interested in having the YSC make a presentation. Aquaculture, 8 commercial licences, IFMPs. Aquaculture to be first priority. Chair and Vice Chair to coordinate the presentation. Steve Taylor met with staff of Grand Chief to discuss, and determined that it was not worthwhile to pursue, as there was little time for discussion of issues and probability of being bumped from agenda was high. Steve also met with the Chief of the AFN, who was very interested in hearing about YSC issues, Aquaculture and 8 commercial licenses were of particular interest.*

*Mtg. #48: a private meeting with the Grand Chief and AFN Vice Chief might be the best approach. Better to bring a single issue to the Leadership. Suggested that*

*a letter be sent to Leadership (see action item 48-3). It was noted that we don't try to get on the agenda for YTG or Government of Canada. Also noted that the Federal Government is already on record in support of aquaculture.*

**ACTION ITEM #45-26: Secretariat to draft letter to all RRC's indicating that the YSC is available to attend their meetings, if there is an interest.**

*Need to clarify specific items that the YSC would like to present at meetings they attend.*

*Mtg. #47: would like to talk about the YSC's mandate and activities, aquaculture and get their input on how to work cooperatively. Meeting already took place with Mayo RRC.*

*Letter drafted for review June 22<sup>nd</sup>, sent June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004.*

**ACTION ITEM #46-8: Secretariat to contact Board to discuss the possibility of cost-sharing for spring public service announcements on fishing.**

*Andrea met with Kelly Hayes April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kelly indicated that the Board would be happy to cost-share on this initiative and will provide further details prior to the announcements. YSC will need to provide thoughts re: content of ads and \$ that they are willing to contribute to this initiative. Ads generally cost about \$5k and start running in early May.*

*Mtg. #47: YSC agreed to provide \$2.5k towards PSAs. Content should include YSC hotline, importance of catch card, barbless hooks, catch and release techniques. Lorelei and Vicky to be YSC contacts for review and development of announcements.*

*Mtg. #47(1): YSC decided to run PSAs separately from the Board. \$2.5k allocated. Lorelei to coordinate. Ads will run July 1 – September 30 on CHON.*

**ACTION ITEM #46-9: Lorelei and Vicky to work together to draft public service announcements on the role and mandate of the Yukon Salmon Committee.**

*Mtg. #47 Lorelei and Vicky to draft ads for play during summer fishing season. These ads to be included with the package of Board PSAs.*

*Mtg. #47(1): See 46-8. Lorelei e-mailed draft ads to Vicky, Steve, Louise and Andrea May 31st. Ads were run as part of YSC PSAs on CHON FM.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-1: Secretariat to draft a letter to all UFA Boards and Committees indicating that they are going to organize cross-cultural training session. Ask other Boards and Committees to indicate interest in this, level of participation, timing and funding. From this information, the YSC can proceed with planning a cross-cultural training session.**

*Letter sent June 24, 2004.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-2: Letter to CAFN requesting a course outline for the proposed gaffing workshop with cost breakdown. Advise that the YSC are willing to contribute some funding to support the workshop.**

*Linaya Workman is working on a course outline and cost breakdown.*

**ACTION ITEM 47-3: YSC to draft a letter to the Yukon Queen II Working Group indicating that the YSC feels that any mitigation plan for the boat must meet the test of the Fisheries Act, Section 32. with c.c. to DDRRC. Letter to be sent to Shelby Jordan prior to May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Letter sent via e-mail May 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Mtg. #48: Letter was discussed at Working Group and a report on the mitigation plan project will be made this fall.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-4: Lorelei and Carl to attend the Laberge RRC meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> and make a presentation on the YSC roles and activities.**

*Lorelei attended on behalf of the committee, and updated the committee at the last meeting..*

**ACTION ITEM #47-5: 2003-2004 YSC budget to be posted on website.**

*Budget is posted with all other budgets back to 1998.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-6: Andrea and YSC Chair to meet to review current projects to determine what projects the Secretariat can undertake and identify gaps that the YSC will have to source out.**

*Andrea and Steve met May 14<sup>th</sup> and Steve took on a number of projects.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-7: All YSC members except Hardy, Stan and Vicky to attend the June 15<sup>th</sup> Placer Regime Workshop in Whitehorse. Bob Van Dijken to also attend.**

*Contacted YTG and DFO via e-mail May 12<sup>th</sup> to confirm YSC participation and indicate that full costs of the workshop should be covered or YSC will not be able to attend, and that workshop needs to be long enough to develop a complete understanding of the issues. Sent budget of cost of YSC participation May 18<sup>th</sup>. May 19<sup>th</sup> – sent third request for confirmation that full costs of YSC participation would be covered. May 25<sup>th</sup> – sent fourth request. Gerry, Carl, Lorelei, Chuck and Bob attended the meeting.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-8: Joe Johnson, Lorelei Smith and Carl Sidney to attend White River FN Salmon Planning Workshop. Secretariat to confirm attendance. Lorelei Smith to arrange presentations.**

*Pat Tobler contacted and advised that YSC members would be attending and requesting access to computer equipment.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-9: Secretariat to arrange a meeting with the Kluane First Nation, preferably on the afternoon of May 28<sup>th</sup>, morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>, or afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup>.**

*Week of May 25, the Kluane FN were unavailable to meet with the salmon committee as most of the FN Chief and Council and technical staff were out of town.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-10: Carl, Bob Van Dijken and Stan to attend the June 23-24 Faro Mine Workshop in Whitehorse.**

*Type II mines office advised that there was only room for two participants from each organization to attend. Chair determined that Carl and Bob would attend the workshop.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-11: Carl and Stan to attend the July 7<sup>th</sup> Faro TAC meeting and tour.**

*Carl and Stan to contact Secretariat with details of what travel arrangements they would like to have made on their behalf. Bob van Dijken was unable to attend.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-12: Yukon Salmon Committee fall meeting to be switched to November 23-25.**

*Noted in newsletter, minutes, planning calendar, website etc.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-13: Carl Sidney to explore costs of Yukon College 'Decisions in Resource Management' course (July 11-17, 2004).**

*Carl checked into this course, and the tuition was deemed by the committee to be too expensive to attend.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-14: Bob Van Dijken and Gerry Couture to attend the Viceroy Water Board hearing in August.**

*Bob and Gerry did not attend.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-15: YSC decided that, in order to break the election tie, they would split the term between the two candidates. Lorelei Smith has already served six months as Chair, Steve Taylor will be Chair for the remaining six months and Lorelei Smith will be Vice Chair. Secretariat to advise the Board of their decision.**

*Letter sent to the Board May 20<sup>th</sup>. Board affirmed the YSC election.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-16: Operating Procedures to be amended to reflect that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair should occur on the first day of the October/November meeting, with elections taking place on the last day of the meeting.**

*Addition to Operating Procedures on nominations can now be found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page under section 4.1.1. Revised operating procedures provide with draft minute packages.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-17: Regarding the Creative Salmon permit application, Secretariat to draft a letter to DFO indicating that the YSC is currently in the process of developing a policy on salmon net cage farming and are in the consultative phase. Until public consultations are completed, the YSC cannot make a recommendation on this issue.**

*Letter sent May 13<sup>th</sup>.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-18: Continued disregard for the YSC Code of Conduct by any member will be discussed by the Committee as a whole and may result in sanctions including a possible recommendation for removal from the Committee.**

*Code of Conduct amended to reflect this.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-19: Lorelei to report to the YSC about the progress of the Communications Committee of the Yukon River Panel on their R&E database, committee will then determine if a proposal should be submitted to seek additional funding.**

*Lorelei provided an update at the YSC August meeting.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-20: 1 day to be added on to YSC November meeting for a training session on the UFA. Steve Taylor to organize session.**

*Noted. See 46-26.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-23: Secretariat to provide copy of Annual Implementation review for YSC at August meeting, so that committee members can determine how much more detail to include.**

*Copies included in package.*

**ACTION ITEM #47-27: BVD to provide the YSC with a list of streams where there is risk to salmon from toxins from abandoned mines. This issue to be discussed as a potential Panel project at the August meeting.**

*List was provided for discussion at the August meeting.*

**4. Cross-Cultural Training – Yukon First Nations**

YSC members took part in cross-cultural training focusing on the history and culture of the aboriginal fishery at Klukshu. A tour around Klukshu Village and the CAFN settlement near the Tatshenshini River was given by Chuck Hume with some assistance from Marg Jackson on the cultural aspect of the CAFN.

**5. Review Minutes from May 2004 Meeting**

Minutes were reviewed and some minor amendments made. Minutes were approved for distribution.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.**

**Thursday August 26, 2004 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Kathleen River and Klukshu Community Hall**

All members present except Craig McKinnon.

**6. Cross-Cultural Training – Recreational Fishery (Kathleen River)**

In the morning, YSC members took part in cross-cultural training focusing on the Yukon's recreational fishery. Dalton trail lodge assisted with the demonstration of

current recreational fishing techniques including correct handling of fish when catch and release fishing.

## 7. Update from Executive Secretary

### Training

The YSC has discussed adding on an extra day to their meeting in November. Need to determine nature of training and timing of training day i.e. beginning or end of meeting (Nov 22 or 26)?

- Budget will allow for an extra day
- Monday is preferred for scheduling
- There are a number of training opportunities to pursue: 3 party briefing/interpretation on the UFA, Fisheries Case Law, Cross-cultural
- Suggested that 2 additional days be added on to pursue all three training opportunities
- Need to understand better what the intention of the UFA was and how to move this forward
- Lorelei suggested that a single day for training would be sufficient; a five day meeting would be expensive and too long
- Steve should try to get either the 3-Party briefing or Cross-cultural training in place as soon as possible
  - **Suggests topics for Cross-cultural training: natural resources values, culture, definition of traditional knowledge, differences between traditional knowledge and scientific approach, songs, myths and legends etc. about salmon, clan system.**
- Include other boards and committees, invite to attend the course.
- YTG has scheduled a Cross cultural course that is available for interested parties in September; the course is 4 days long, at \$400/person.
- Steve noted that he as a FN committee members had had a very enlightening cross cultural experience today, not just a classroom course, but still considered a form of training

**ACTION ITEM #48-4: Monday November 22 will be a training day for the YSC. Steve Taylor to organize either a 3-Party briefing on the intent of Chapter 16 of the UFA, or a cross-cultural training session (depending upon availability of parties).**

- Other Boards and Committees may want different things out of this training.
- YSC felt that their experience at Klukshu was better cross-cultural training, as opposed to having someone talk in a room

### Coal bed methane presentation (Albert Genier)

- An email was sent from Albert Genier, advising the committee that he had developed a powerpoint presentation that he would like to present to the YSC. The powerpoint presentation was developed to show the effects of coal bed methane.
- YSC indicated that they were interested in this presentation due to its links to Oil and Gas exploration and development.

**ACTION ITEM #48-6: Secretariat to schedule presentation on Coal Bed Methane for November or February YSC meeting.**

Concern with YSC PSA's

- C&P have some concerns with the wording of some of the YSC PSA's, Executive Secretary to discuss later with Lorelei and any other committee members who want to be involved.

YSC Audit

- Andrea advised that the YSC is being audited; the terms of reference are available for the Committee to review.
- A few members of the committee have been interviewed by the auditors and a final report will be developed and made available to the committee members within about a one month period.

Klukshu Community Hall - Meeting was called to order at 12:20

**8. YSC Funding – Gord Zealand**

- YSC and DFO will need to administer things differently with the new Contribution Agreement.
- Need to look ahead at how the YSC will operate in this new environment with the implementation of the proposed changes of the landclaim agreement.

Contribution Agreement

- Previously the committee were advised the Contribution agreement would most likely be an interim step until an alternative agreement can be made. No longer certain that moving towards a flexible transfer agreement will be one of those options.
- It is not clear whether DIAND will make all funding arrangements for all the UFA Boards and committees the same, as previously discussed.
- Contribution Agreement addresses many of the YSC's concerns, particularly with autonomy from DFO.
- Carry over is not in the Agreement, but DFO regionally is committed to make it work.
- Auditors were very concerned that DFO had provided too much support to the YSC.
- Auditors do not believe that the level of support provided to the YSC is a requirement under the UFA
- Management of YSC's finances was also questioned, as DFO went out of its way to ensure that the YSC could receive their cheques promptly without delays.
- Auditors also felt that too many resources were put towards the YSC.
- The local administration of the catch cards was also an issue for the auditors, it was clarified to the auditors that upon initiation of the catch card program the committee had requested that any funds remaining would not go into general revenue.

- DFO and YSC will need to work together on issues; there needs to be a cooperative relationship between the two so that the salmon resource benefits. Need to remember that we are both working towards managing the resource to the best of our ability.
  - I.e. if the YSC co-locates with the Board, DFO will not be able to provide the same level of support. DFO will still work to provide support to the YSC and the decision is with YSC, but they should be aware that staff will not be able to be as available as if they are located in the same office building.
- Q – Will it be possible for DFO to make travel bookings for the YSC with the Gov. credit cards and the YSC reimburse them? No, not likely.
- Q - If YSC forwards something in writing to the auditors, can they address issues that still need to be dealt with? Yes
  - Any info sent to the auditors should be copied to the RDG and DM of DFO.
  - YSC members would like to see a draft before anything is sent.
- Q - What is the timeframe for this new agreement? What does the YSC need to do in the immediate future? The Agreement is already in place and there are a number of decisions that the YSC will need to make about its finances immediately.
  - YSC to provide Executive Secretary with a PO book and credit card.
  - Calling Cards and 393-6527, would be billed separately to the Yukon Salmon Committee.

#### Elections

- There was some perception from some YSC members that Gord Zealand was meddling in the YSC election, when the elections took place some months ago.
- There will be changes because of the minister with appointments etc., in terms of who you as members of the committee vote for, that is up to you. The YSC is free to take any position they like on issues.
- Gord would like the chair to be someone who is available and responsible and respected in the community.
- GZ did have some objections to Steve Taylor being elected Chair, but this is because of the difficulties we have had in the past in getting in touch with Steve for signatures, reviews and approvals of items.
- At the end of the day, the YSC are entitled to make their own decision.

## **9. Update from Executive Secretary (continued)**

### New YSC Contribution Agreement

- Overview
- Required Changes to Procedures etc.
- Chair or Vice Chair need to approve expenditures anyway so it was suggested that any two members could sign
- Chair to approve all expenditures unless delegated to the Vice Chair (must have documentation but not necessarily signature)

- Does the YSC want internet access to account? Yes
- Credit card – debit credit card – explore possibility
- Decision on credit card in the hands of Steve and Lorelei
- \$2.5k limit, 1 card
- Petty cash – not used
- Phone number – need to switch over. See about 393-6725
- Phone cards – need to switch over.
- Chair or Vice chair to audit phone cards
- DFO will continue to manage the YSC's finances, as possible
- Expense Claims/Timesheets to be reviewed and approved by Chair, as previously

**ACTION ITEM #48-5: Secretariat to make changes to the financial arrangements of the YSC, as discussed during the August meeting. Items to be addressed are: signing authority, approval of expenditures, internet access to bank account, credit card, phone number, phone cards, general financial administration).**

IRG request for input on proposal to co-locate with Board

- Way to answer the question of administrative support
- Recommend upping of budget to provide administrative support (not provided by DFO)
- Cannot contemplate the change unless there is funding to support it
- Could DFO draft up a cost estimate of what this would cost?
- Do not want to bear additional costs
- Need to have the principle in place that there will not be additional costs

**ACTION ITEM #48-7: Secretariat to draft a letter in response to the IRG recommendation for the YSC to co-locate with the Board. Response to indicate that the YSC is in support of this recommendation provided that additional funding, to cover the increased costs associated with a change in location, was provided. Letter to be sent to full committee for review and approval.**

CYFN update request

- CYFN has requested that the YSC make a submission every second month to their Boards and Committees newsletter

**ACTION ITEM #48-8: Secretariat to prepare submission every second month to CYFN Boards and Committees newsletter.**

RRC response re: YSC letter

- Teslin RRC was the only one that responded to the YSC's offer to come to an RRC meeting to provide an update.

**ACTION ITEM #48-9: Secretariat to organize YSC attendance (Carl Sidney) at Teslin RRC meeting this fall to provide an update on YSC activities and to hear any concerns from the RRC.**

Office Insurance

YSC Office Insurance expires August 30, 2004 and Lease is to November 30, 2004.

**ACTION ITEM #48-10: Secretariat to renew for one year office insurance and review options for pro-rating, in the event that the YSC do not keep the lease on the office.**

## **10. Members Updates**

New Placer Regime (Carl Sidney, Lorelei Smith)

- Brief discussion of the June Placer workshop and the YCS request for a meeting with the YSC
- Recommended that the YCS come to the next YSC meeting as Steve did not attend the placer workshop.
- The existing authorization focuses on Water Quality, Classification of fish presences. The new regime is suppose to look more at the physical end, water and habitat effects, classification on fish, habitat sensitivity and watershed health.
- There are no details, is where the concern is with the new placer regime, and how they are going to apply it.
- The over arching principles are not bad
- Concerns with the system for assessing watershed health, which is being developed with the Territorial Government.
- Timeframe for implementation is also in question, there is a commitment for having everything implemented by 2007, but they are still at the framework stage?
- Request that the YSC contacted the YCS to request a meeting to discuss concerns with the new regime.

**ACTION ITEM #48-11: Secretariat to contact YCS and arrange for them to attend the next YSC meeting to discuss concerns about the placer regime. Ask for additional details on their concerns. Maximum 1.5 hours.**

Porcupine fishery (Vicky Josie, Stan Njootli)

- All fishers took their nets out once William advised them of the consequences
- Substitution fishery will run this year and has just begun.
- **Andrea will place a copy of the record from the meeting with the dog mushers in the YSC Read File**
- Voluntary closure is going to remain in place this year

## **11. Review YSC Calendar**

- UNBC "FN Planning: The Confluence of Traditional Indigenous and Western Scientific Land Management Approaches", was May 17-19 has been postponed until early November 2004. No new date set yet.
- Ta'an Workshop September 9 and 11, Items to be discussed are:
  - What do we know about salmon in the traditional territory?
  - Previous studies and know
  - What factors maybe impacting salmon now and in the future etc..
- Ta'an has requested a presentation from the Salmon committee.

- This is a worthwhile project, would be beneficial for Panel members to attend.

**ACTION ITEM #48-12: Vicky Josie and Carl Sidney to attend the Ta'an Salmon Workshop. Carl to coordinate with Pat Tobler on the content of the YSC presentation for this workshop.**

## 12. Annual Review

- YSC reviewed format of implementation report submitted to DIAND annually and felt that it was very comprehensive and sufficient. YSC is to conduct annual review of its activities, based on the information provided for its Contribution Agreement reporting and annual implementation reporting.

## 13. Outstanding Planning Issues

3rd Draft Strategic Plan

- Reviewed goals to see if they are still current, or if some need to be removed.
  - Mapping - Lorelei is gathering mapping info from the R&E projects via the Panel.
  - Hosting an Aquaculture Workshop – will need to wait until November meeting before making decision on aquaculture workshop.
    - Extend deadline for response to aquaculture questions to October 31.
    - Could possibly coordinate aquaculture workshop with Yukon River Working Group in February

**ACTION ITEM #48-13: Secretariat to send out a reminder to groups about the request for comments on aquaculture and extend deadline to October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**ACTION ITEM #48-14: Secretariat to post YSC Strategic Plan on website once Chair and Vice Chair have reviewed and approved.**

## 14. Other Business

Agenda for next YSC meeting

- Training day
- Coal bed methane
- Meeting with Yukon Conservation Society
- Nominations/elections for YSC Chair and Vice Chair
- Habitat review
- Budget
- Update from StaD (post-season)
- Consultation planning
- Members Updates
  - Creative Salmon (Craig McKinnon)

Potential Panel Projects:

- Job Shadowing for Habitat Contractor position (47-30)
  - Discussed on day 1

- Will the YSC members be in conflict that sit on the Panel, but also apply for funding? Yes – there will be the perception of conflict
- Should either remove them selves from voting on this matter or ask direction from the Panel.
- Who will develop the conceptual proposal? Suggested that BVD develop the proposal.

**ACTION ITEM #48-15: Carl to provide directions to BVD on the development of an R&E proposal for job shadowing of the Habitat Contractor position.**

- List of streams affected by abandoned mines (47-27)
  - OHEB of DFO have already done some work on this, there may be some duplication.
  - There are many areas that have seen huge impacts from abandoned mines. DFO should be approached for an update with the list.
  - **Should request an update from DFO on what is being done to address this.**

Discussion of what the objectives of a legal briefing would be

46-26: See ‘Summary of Action Items’ – Need at least half a day for discussion

- Would it be beneficial to do both briefings together?
- Availability of presenters is also an issue
- Only positive response so far is from Lee Francouer
- There are other people who could speak to this i.e. Norm Simmons, who was at the table for Chapter 16 discussions
- If YSC plans to use results of legal briefing as a guideline for future policies, then we need to be very cautious. There are many ways that the UFA can be interpreted. It is dangerous to have a single point of view.
- Could ask individual FNs to come and brief YSC on individual self government agreements and their relevance to the UFA.
- It might be worthwhile to have the three parties provide a briefing to the YSC, as this is a requirement that has not happened in the past. As per Section 28.3.7 of the UFA and within the Implementation Plan under Annex B part 2.2.

Other:

- Concern was brought up on the issue of time frame from item in minutes of meeting with dog mushers in Old Crow on substitution fishery. It was indicated that the Porcupine would be a priority of the Panel starting next year, for ten years. Porcupine members were asked to spread the word in their community that there was no time frame of 10 years established for the priority.

**15. Members Updates (cont’d)**

White River FN (Joe Johnson, Carl Sidney and Lorelei Smith)

- Very few people attended this workshop. It was a two day meeting.
- Workshop was to develop R&E projects from information gathered

- A map was put up, and they asked elders to talk about what they knew about each different areas, in terms of species present etc.
- From the information provided, they were going to develop additional R&E projects.
- Lorelei did a presentation on the YSC and the Yukon River Panel
- Pat Milligan did a presentation on the background and information on Salmon
- There were also representatives from Alaska to discuss Transboundary issues and
- Pat Tobler did a presentation on studies in the White River territory.
- A number of ideas were presented such as a fish wheel camp on the Donjek River, assess where the fish were. Cultural beaver project, develop meaning full data for the First Nations etc.
- There were many areas identified where there use to be salmon, but now there are none.

#### Yukon River Panel Communications Committee (47-19, Lorelei Smith)

- The video is half done
- Reference book is done
- Handbook is in final draft form

#### Faro Workshop – Whitehorse (Carl Sidney)

- Technical workshop attended by Carl and Bob Van Dijken
- It was a two day workshop, Carl was only available for first day
- They presented a Slide show of the site
- Reviewed methods or options for closure of the Faro site. There were 12 methods to close the mine. 15 different methods to get rid of waste rock.
- There were many methods for treating various aspects of the site.
- The rap up of the technical study side of things will be done by February/March in 2005.
- Who will be involved and who will project manage? The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will take the lead on determining which methods will be used during closure of the mine.

Q - Is the YSC still on the TAC? Yes

- By 2006 they will have internal approvals for the draft reclamation plan.
- Discussed social, economic and technical issues

#### Faro TAC – Faro (Carl Sidney, Stan Njootli)

- Carl and Stan provided an update of the site tour they attended and the issues that were discussed:
- Received update on the status of receivership, new water license and the 2004 care and maintenance program as well as the on going field programs.
- All effluent discharges are in compliance with the Water Board licence. Feb. 28, 2009 the water licence will expire.
- At present there is a terrestrial effects study in progress. All other aspects have been studied, i.e. doing a wildlife study, and study on the dust.
- Quarterly reports are now done.

- Faro Creek: a diverted creek was breeched and will cost over \$1 million to fix
- Everything at the site is currently in compliance
- Stan's concern was the water and his impression was that they should continue to monitor and look at downstream effects.

Draft questionnaire on YSC performance (47-24: Gerry Couture, Craig McKinnon, Carl Sidney)

- This will be discussed in a small group prior to November meeting.

Stan Njootli said a closing prayer.  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

## **16. Community Dinner**

YSC hosted a community dinner at Klukshu Village.