

Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board (BVCRB) Minutes
Meeting Date: 15 February 2006

Board Members Present: Adrian de Groot (chair), Terri O’Neill, Ray Carrier, Gary Quanstrom,
David Watts, Rosemary Fox, Rob Boyce (minutes)

Visitors/ Presenters: Ministry of Environment: Hugh Markides, Regional Manager; Dana Atagi, Section head – Fish & Wildlife;
Brandin Shultz, Babine area supervisor – Protected Areas
Resident anglers: Mike Young, Peter Krause, and Mike O’Neill

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Review previous minutes	- Letter from Town of Smithers seeking support on Community Forest	Table till Community Forest meeting 16 Feb	David W Gary Q David B Rosemary F	16 Feb
	- Draft letter on Orange Trail request	To discuss tonight	All	
	- Remainder of minutes accepted by those present (not a quorum)	Review & accept when quorum present	All	Next meeting
New Correspondence	1. Letter from Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture & Lands, announcing that the Bulkley SRMP has been approved, and thanking the BVCRB for its participation and contribution to the plan.	None		
	2. Letter from BV Backpackers, cc’d to us, that gate on road into Howson Ck, (Telkwa Range) is not functional. PIR will carry out improvements this summer, to restrict motorized access.	None		
	3. Letter from Richard Overstall, Babine Watershed Mgmt Trust. The trustee selection committee asks the BVCRB to nominate a new member for said committee. This committee will create a list of people from which a new trustee will be selected.	David Watts nominated		

<p>Old business: Orange Trail letter</p>	<p>Previous discussion addressed the request to Parks by BV Quadriders (cc'd to us) to allow use of the Orange Trail. This trail (old road) is in vicinity of Big Onion, but outside of Babine Mtns Park. The last two years, this area has been signposted as "No Motorized Access": but in previous years had no management, though it was officially closed.</p> <p>Our previous discussion favoured no access at this time, as it should be included in a completed RAMP. Terri suggested our letter have a positive tone, recognizing that the Quadriders need access to some hard-surface routes.</p>	<p>Edit draft letter</p>	<p>Adrian</p>	<p>Feb 24</p>
<p>Angling Use Plans (AUPs) or Angling Management Plans (AMPs) and Quality Waters Strategy (QWS)</p>	<p>Dana Atagi provided an overview of the history, rationale and previous efforts involved in Angling Use Plan (AUP), Angling Management Plan (AMP) and Quality Waters Strategy (QWS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Originally (late '80's) intended to control guiding; had never restricted general access. - In '90's, process derailed over differing views on "crowding" and quality angling experience. - Currently, from 5 years of public meetings, result is QWS: "How to manage where capacity has been reached". - Regional Quality Waters management Committees are set up within each region. Skeena Region Steering Committee will have their first face-to-face meeting Feb18. Its purpose is to select and prioritize which rivers should have individual Angling Management Plans (AMPs). Local committees will be formed when rivers are identified. (Currently, there are no Smithers-area residents on Skeena Region Committee). Al Martin (Director, Fish & Wildlife Branch) said there are funds to generate AMPs at rate of about one/region/year. 	<p>See below</p>		

	<p><u>Summary of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident anglers have no confidence in the QWS. It is seen as a delay tactic, whose purpose is to increase government revenue from more classified waters. No Smithers-area anglers have come forward to be on the regional committee, because they do not want to go through yet another process. - It will likely be at least two years before the first AMP is set up. There is no confidence that Bulkley or Babine Rivers will be high priority within Skeena Region, so could be several years before implementation of their AMPs. - Enforcing regulations on one river may cause crowding to spill over to other rivers within the region. - Electronic licensing may ease crowding, but will not be available till 2007. <p>- Bulkley AUP should be implemented on an interim basis until a new plan is made through the QWS process. It could be termed a “pilot project”. (As a parallel situation, forest legislation allows for pilot projects.) This could be accomplished through an <u>Order-in-Council</u> (OIC).</p> <p>- Hugh Markides committed to taking BVCRB concerns forward, and to communicating feedback he receives.</p> <p><i>I think the next letter from the BVCRB, should be combining this issue into one letter to Hugh Markides, to</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. thank him and his staff for attending, and 2. committing it investigating enacting the Bulkley River AUP as a pilot project through an OIC 3. CC the letter to Minister Pat Bell, reminding of the BV_SRMP text on Angling Use Angling Use text 4. The letter could also be cced the chair of Skeena Region Steering Committee, and written in a manner to cover these concerns, as Hugh is Ultimately Responsible for them as well. 	<p>Letter to Hugh Markides to clarify follow-up</p> <p>Letter of thanks to all guests for attendance</p> <p>Letter to chair of Skeena Region Steering Committee, suggesting implementation of Bulkley River AUP, as a pilot project.</p> <p>Follow-up with Hugh Markides as to a reasonable timeline for him to report back to the BVCRB.</p>	<p>Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p>	
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Mining Subcommittee: Blue Pearl - Davidson project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ROB-TV interview with CEO Ian MacDonald: said that the orebody will almost certainly support a mill – years in the future. Why is this being revealed now? Surely a new EA process will be required. With this future plan, why access orebody from east face of mountain at all? - All transport options (not just road) are being considered for the Application. - A mill contract (ie ore purchaser) is expected by the end of March - Progress is being made on the Contingency Plan (by consultant Ray Hollenberg) for current exploration NoW. Completion planned for Feb 20. 	<p>Bring up issue of long-term plan for minesite at next PLC meeting</p> <p>Check on completion of Contingency Plan</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>Rob</p>	<p>Feb 21 PLC meeting</p> <p>Feb 21 PLC meeting</p>
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$10,000 grant is coming for Executive Assistant - List of duties for Executive Assistant (draft circulated) was discussed. Of four suggested candidates, two declined, one has not been contacted yet, and one is interested. - Discussed suggested pay rate of \$35/hour. - Dave W. cautioned about perceptions; and not showing bias or favouritism with grant money. - It was decided that Adrian pursue hiring Jill Dunbar. However she stated to Adrian that she may not be available until April. - Ray talked to BCWeb about updating website. Discussion about importance of being current. Possibly improve format. Adrian mentioned being approached by another website designer; as this is someone we deal with in another capacity, ought to keep at arm's length 	<p>Confirm grant money</p> <p>Confirm if Jill can make herself available for our March 22 meeting</p> <p>Keep website current</p>	<p>Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p> <p>Ray</p>	<p>Soon</p> <p>Soon</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Draft letter: RAMP completion</p>	<p>Draft created by Gary.</p> <p>RAMP (Recreation Access Management Plan) is now in the compiling stage. Letter is to ask that the RAMP consolidation process to be completed, (including recreation agreements made since the existing RAMP was approved). The letter will also ask that “Unresolved Issues and Future Processes” be completed during the 2007 fiscal year, and that funds be made available to ensure that this happens. A response is requested from Fred Oliemans by March 15, to allow time for the BVRCB to review and comment prior to next meeting (March 22).</p>	<p>Review draft – comments to Gary</p> <p>Final letter to Eamon O’Donoghue, cc: Fred Oliemans, James Cuell, Hugh Markides, Barry Smith, MTSA Rep, Dennis MacKay</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Adrian</p>	<p>Feb 20</p> <p>Feb 22</p>
<p>Next BVCRB Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 22, 2006 Alpenhorn at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Main Topics</p> <p>a) Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) <u>Bob Mitchell, Ken White (MOFR)</u> Provincial / Federal Perspective – Funding - beetle attack updates -predictions of spread Life cycle Local Perspective - overview flight, Bulkley is still suppression Local Bulkley TSA Beetle Strategic Plan, BMU map Local Tactical Plan - funding, budget, green red ratio. Update Future Strategy for Cores, LRC, SMZ, VQO Presentation = 1 Hour ... plus ½ hour Q&A</p> <p>b) Recreation / RAMP... <u>Fred Oliemans.. (ILMB)</u>...update = ½ Hour (see latest BVCRB letter to Skeena Managers Committee and Northern Interior Inter-Agency Management Committee (NIAMC))</p>			