

# Teleconference Meeting Minutes



October 16, 2025, 9 am – 11 am

Minutes by Catarina Owen

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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## Participants

### Board Members

Sam Haché  
Donna Schear  
Gordon Hamre  
Camilla Rabisca  
George Barnaby  
Rhea McDonald  
Faye d'Eon Eggertson

### Staff

Catarina Owen  
Melanie Harding  
Cyre Yukon

### Other Guests

Kate Yarchuk, Environment and Climate Change Canada

## Agenda

1. Opening prayer and quorum check
2. Meeting new Executive Director
3. Admin items
  - a. Banking
  - b. Board operations
4. Wildlife Studies Fund
5. Species at Risk
6. Meeting Minute Approval
7. Upcoming workshops and meetings

## Opening

- Quorum check: 7/7
- Opening prayer by Camilla Rabisca

## Meeting new Executive Directions

Introduction from Cyre Yukon and Board members

### Admin items

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#### M2026-011

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Review of briefing notes:

- Administrative template
- Effectiveness and efficiency of operations and administration

### Wildlife Studies Fund request

Review of funding request briefing note

Status of Investment – book value \$4.8M, market value \$5.1M

Board's policy is to maintain principal at \$3.1M or above

#### Budget Recommendation

Project	Amount
Investment fee	16,000
Great Bear Lake Fisheries	75,000
Nío Nę P'ęne Research Program	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,000</b>

#### M2026-012

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## Species at Risk

Presentation by Kate Yarchuk

- Overview of Species at Risk Act objectives
- Upcoming pre-listing consultation of the Snowy Owl to begin in mid January 2026
- Horned Grebe
  - Previously two populations of Horned Grebe:
    - Western (Special Concern)
    - Magdalen Island, Quebec (Endangered)
  - Now assessed as one population due to lack of evidence for unique adaptations to justify two separate assessments/ Assessed as Special Concern
- Grey-headed Chickadee
  - Not currently listed as at risk
  - COSEWC assessed the species as Endangered
  - ECCC is consulting on adding the Grey-headed Chickadee to the list of wildlife under SARA
- Olive-sided Flycatcher – downlisted.
  - Management plan’s objective to stabilize the Canada-wide population by 2028 and maintain stable population.

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## Meeting Minutes

### M2026-016

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## Upcoming meetings and workshops

RRC Workshop, October 21-23 Tulit'a

SRRB Teleconference Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2025

Section 15 (Wildlife Act), November 12-13 Yellowknife  
ACCWM, November 18-20 Yellowknife  
Caribou Monitoring Workshop, November 25-27 Norman Wells

*Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am*

## Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, November 5, 2025



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Donna Schear, Acting Chair

## Summary of Motions

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