



### **Steering Committee Meeting #5**

**Location:** Room 220, Pavillon P.A.Landry, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB  
**Date:** Saturday, February 26, 2005  
**Time:** 10:00am – 3:00pm

#### The Attending Members:

Claudette LeBlanc, ACZISC	Harry Collins, MREAC
Audrey Lapenna, staff	John Legault, DFO
Kyle McKenzie, Public	Nadine Gauvin, Coordinator
Allister Marshall (Po'tlo'tek Fish and Wildlife)	Anita Vézina, MicMac Nation of Gespeg
Marie-Hélène Thériault, student	Lisa Leger, guest
David Boyce, SEA	Patrick Doucet, guest
	Rémi Donelle, gddpc

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#### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Allister delivered the opening prayer.

#### **2. Approval of agenda**

Approval of agenda was moved by J.Legault and seconded by D.Boyce.

#### **3. Approval of previous minutes (Nov.27, 2004)**

Introductions of meeting participants were made around the table.

Nadine apologized to the francophone members as the French translation of the minutes have not yet been received from the translator. Approval of minutes was moved by A.Vézina and seconded by D.Boyce.

#### **4. Matters arising from minutes**

Nadine reported on the 'ongoing' action items from the previous minutes. As per Action item 07, Marianne was not present to bring forth the recommendations of the Working Group on the Indicators report; however these have been incorporated into the 2005-2006 Workplan, which is to be presented under Agenda item no.7. In Action item 08, a report on the Awards/ Scholarship Committee will be provided under Agenda item no.8, and for Action item 09, Nadine reported that John Legault is in the process of writing the letter to the provincial Environment Ministers with respect to climate change.

#### **5. Financial Report**

As treasurer, D. Boyce presented the Coalition financial report as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. It is expected that we will be entering the new fiscal year with an approximate \$20,000. surplus down from last year's surplus of \$35,695.

#### **6. Group discussion**

Introductions of meeting participants were again made around the table for the guest speaker. Audrey introduced Mr. Ken Paul, who is a Senior Policy Advisor with Parks Canada.

Ken presented a summary of the 1.5 day workshop 'Wabanaki Traditional Knowledge' hosted by the Atlantic First Nations Environmental Network Conference held in Moncton the past two days. He also spoke on the mandate of Parks Canada, traditional ecological knowledge and intellectual property rights. Post presentation discussions including the following:

- 'How can the 'common knowledge' project on mapping by DFO be used in a non-threatening manner by the Network?' Ken offered to bring this idea to the Network.

- 'How can C-CIARN work with First Nations on building a workshop on the impact of climate change with water supplies in First Nations?' Ken suggested that they should be involved with the early planning stages, and keep it small and local. Speak with the First Nations reps in person rather than by email, mail, or phone.
- 'How do we get more youth involved in the type of workshop just summarized?' Ken suggested that youth have to be involved first in their own respective communities.
- 'Can a Native person from Parks Canada represent a vacant seat on the Coalition Steering Committee?', Ken recommended as Eric Tremblay as a good candidate.
- 'Traditional knowledge and science have to come together. With climate change, we're not aware enough yet. We're not looking for alternative energies yet. How do we encourage people the concept of change to practice sustainability? This month, the Coalition is hosting Traditional Knowledge workshops, where would we go to funding to continue this type of work?' Ken responded that Federal Government operates through funding various programs, need to investigate new funding opportunities through different sources each year.
- 'Because pharmaceutical companies are known to steal traditional knowledge and reap the economic benefits, how do First Nations communities protect themselves?' Ken responded that it's important to set up Ethic Boards in First nation communities to ensure all research proposals benefit the community economically and keep the knowledge in the community. Scientists should give the research dollars to the community.

#### **7. Introduction to the Coalition 2005-2006 Workplan**

Nadine presented a draft copy of the 2005-2006 Workplan that was developed with the help of Justin and Francine and from contributions of the Working Group Chairs. Copies were circulated and feedback requested.

**Action item 01: Any comments on the Workplan to be submitted by March 4, 2005.**

#### **10. Other business (was moved up before lunch)**

\* David asked if we can adopt the Financial Report and moved that it be accepted as presented. Claudette seconded the motion.

\* Allister assured the group that the INAC funds will be released from Chapel Island to the Coalition.

\* Kyle distributed information on the upcoming 'Adapting to Climate Change in Canada 2005' to be held in Montréal on May 4-7, 2005.

*(break for lunch)*

#### **8. Working Group updates**

**AGM 2005 Working Group** – David provided an update on the upcoming On Site Sewage Treatment Conference to be held April 22, 23 in Montague, PEI. Information will soon be available on the SEA website at [www.seapei.ca](http://www.seapei.ca). The Coalition awards and scholarship will be presented during the banquet ceremonies of Friday evening and the Coalition AGM will be held on Saturday afternoon. Three people will be hired to work on the 3 components: registration, logistics, and tradeshow.

**Scholarship and Awards Committee** – Nadine provided an update. All the universities within the Southern Gulf have been provided with the Scholarship information. Kyle agreed to sit on the Selection committee.

**First Nations Committee** – Allister and Anita reported that work on the INAC deliverables is underway. Three TEK workshops are scheduled as follows: March 22 in Chapel Island, March 24 in Elsipogtog First Nations, and April 2 in Gespeg, Québec. A newsletter containing more information on the workshops is in the early development stages.

#### **9. Vacancies of Steering Committee**

Harry asked those present if they would accept to continue to be on the Steering and Management Committees. All agreed however Kyle announced he will be resigning from the Management Committee but will remain on the Steering Committee. A volunteer was sought to act as the Nominator at the AGM - without success.

**Action item 02: Nadine to ask Cindy to be the Nominator at the 2005 AGM.**

**10. Other business (cont'd)**

\* Allister requested if the Coalition can get involved with the issue of Seismic Testing for Oil and Gas Exploration. It was suggested that we recruit two experts to speak on both sides of the issue at upcoming SC meetings to educate Coalition members. Industry should be invited to present first. The presentations can then be posted on the Coalition website.

**Action item 03: Experts to be recruited for Oil and Gas Exploration presentations. Allister to contact Elizabeth May of the Sierra Club as the ‘opponent’ speaker. Nadine to contact the CNSPOBB for a ‘proponent’ speaker.**

\* The issue of translation was raised. John suggested DFO will continue to translate documents of 1-3 pages for the Coalition. The Management Committee will have to decide how to address other translation needs.

**Action item 04: The Management Committee will determine how to address all of the Coalition’s translation needs.**

\* Nadine made mention of the correspondence received from BoFEP on a continued partnership effort.

\* New & improved Coalition website – David invited comments from the group on the new website. The issue of maintaining the website was discussed briefly.

**Action item 05: The Management Committee to discuss the issue of supporting a webmaster.**

**11. Adjournment**

At shortly after 2pm, John moved to adjourn the meeting. Allister delivered the ‘closing’ prayer.