Manitoba Chapter, The Wildlife Society – Conservation Affairs Committee

Meeting November 08 2016, MB Hydro Building, 820 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg

Attendance	Regrets
CAC co-chairs	4 CAC
1 CAC member	members

DRAFT Minutes

- 1. Approved Agenda (Chair asks for approval)
- 2. Approved Minutes of last meeting (Chair asks for approval)
- 3. Update from new co-chairs.
 - Discussed resignation of CAC co-chairs and members, Appointment of new co-chairs and members Action: Co-chair to send a thank you card to former co-chair for his service as chair of CAC.
 - b. Discussed call for new CAC members at the November 9th TWS MB Chapter Mixer.
 - c. Discussed the desire to make the CAC an adaptable rapidly responding group with the goal of garnering increasing respect from public, media, and government.
 - d. Discussed recent TWS executive meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Development (Cathy Cox) in early summer.
- 4. Update on any other action items from previous meetings:
 - a. State of Provincial Fisheries Management Action member: CAC to submit draft letter to the Fishing Envoy reminding them of our concern for sustainable fisheries management.
 - b. Surface Water Management legislation Action member: Advise CAC as to the status of any future surface water management legislation, and how /if we could respond.
 - c. East Side Road Authority Dismantled and reassigned to MIT since the election of new government CAC will continue to remain attentive to road building projects.
 - d. Pointe du Bois transmission line No action, remove from agenda until new information arises. Create a MB Hydro agenda item for CAC future meetings.
 - e. Keeyask Project No action, remove from agenda until new information arises. Create a MB Hydro agenda item for CAC future meetings.
 - f. BiPole III No action, remove from agenda until new information arises. Create a MB Hydro agenda item for CAC future meetings.
 - g. Conawapa Generating Station No action, remove from agenda until new information arises. Create a MB Hydro agenda item for CAC future meetings.
 - h. MB Minnesota Transmission Line Discussed under new items.
 - i. Potential wildlife research projects for recommendation to Dr. Rick Baydack's wildlife class;

- i. Action: Each member suggests two project ideas by November 30th Submit to chairs. Co-chairs ideas: Analyze results of Elk collaring study in SE MB, identify current distribution of feral swine in MB.
- j. The status of the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd including the updates from the bqmb. No action, tabled until more information.
- k. Monitoring of the MWF program for safe hunting practices- No action, tabled until next meeting.
- I. Whitewater Lake drainage proposal. Currently being reviewed by Sustainable Development, waiting for more information from proponent.
 - i. ACTION: CAC members to continue following this proposal, and report back at next meeting.

5. New items

- a. Manitoba Minnesota Transmission Line Call for Public Hearing interveners until November 25th. http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/hearings/index.cfm?hearingid=43#2
 - 2 members recuse themselves from any involvement with this matter, but invite other CAC members to consider reviewing/participating.
- **b.** CAC to develop a generic but customizable "letter of support" for rapid response to organizations doing wildlife related work.
- 6. Next meeting Call of the chair. Likely mid-January 2017.