

Area Co-Management Committee Meeting  
Dorset Suites  
Cape Dorset, NU  
March 18, 2012

Present:

ACMC Members: Atsiaq Alashua  
Nitani Peter  
Ejetsiak Peter  
Olayuk Akesuk  
Alika Parr  
CLO: Ooloosie Manning  
Interpreter: Adamee Nuna  
CWS Staff: Martha Padluq  
Jim Leafloor

1. Meeting opened with a prayer by Atsiaq.
2. Introduction around the table.
3. Welcoming Remarks:  
Martha – Welcomes everyone attending the meeting, knowing today is a Sunday but we would like to take this opportunity to meet with Jim Leafloor who has conducted work on banding geese in Dewey Soper for the past few years and will talk to us about Dewey Soper MBS. This was the only time we could have scheduled the meeting with Jim and I thank him for coming here.  
Martha reading through the agenda.
4. Delegation – Jim Leafloor, thank you for inviting me to meet with the ACMC for Dewey Soper. I will be presenting on Dewey Soper MBS about the learning Context from a national/international expert of the importance of the area at the National and global scale. If anyone has any questions during my presentation, please feel free to ask anytime.  
Jim showing his powerpoint presentation.  
Some concerns from the ACMC members were mentioned such as; summer seasons seems to be getting longer and that means the snow geese are staying longer periods and eating more (berries). The snow geese also seems to be traveling more towards Kimmirut and Iqaluit area probably because of the habitat; also mentions that they are located more snow geese even around the hills eating berries (we don't normally see them around the area).

Break for lunch.

Meeting resumes; more talk about the presentation, one of the ACMC asked if it is possible to have another sanctuary for another bird species such as; eider duck?

One of the ACMC members also mentioned that more polar bears have been located around the area and last year, most of the eggs were destroyed by polar bears. There is no vegetation for caribou around Dewey Soper MBS but that is the main trail for caribou migration.

Also, mentions that the bigger snow geese that fly from Pond Inlet fly at a really high altitude over Cape Dorset and that that are different geese.

Martha -Asked the ACMC Members of what they thought about Jim's presentation.

Members were really interested about the presentation, they now have a better idea about the birds coming from the south, how it has an impact down south about the feeding grounds and how they destroy the farm land and the noise can be of disturbance. They were truly surprised of millions of birds in the picture, they thought the birds that come up here are a lot but it is a very small number compared to the millions of birds that migrate up north.

No further questions/comments about presentation so moving along the agenda.

Martha – Let's talk about the report on Arctic Goose Banding Permit Application from CWS, it would be for 3 years, same presentations were done in the other two communities, Arviat & Cambridge Bay for the same permit application by Jim. ACMC Members had couple of questions such as; if a bird was found dead with a band on it, does it still have to be reported; if a band has been on for number of years, would that have an affect on the bird/leg?

Jim clarifies to the ACMC members that the bands are safe, never had any difficulties and that they fall off on their own, can be attached for up to 20 years.

No further questions about the permit application.

Olayuk moves to approve the Permit Application and rest of the ACMC's approve of the permit application.

Permit to be issued to Jim Leafloor.

##### 5. Annual work plan for the ACMC

There was brief discussion about the goals/objectives from the ACMC's that they want more community knowledge about the Sanctuary and for tourist attraction. We also talk about a possible site visit in August 2013 after Jim has finished his Banding geese and bringing the ACMC's to the Sanctuary when sending the Researchers back home.

We also talked about hosting a radio show and put up posters or notices about having an open house to introduce the Dewey Soper ACMC Committee to the community of Cape Dorset to make sure the public is aware of the Dewey Soper MBS.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm, meeting to resume at 9am tomorrow morning.

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1. Meeting resumes at 9am.

Martha – Asking the members if there are any housekeeping items, none.

Following the agenda items, we have meeting minutes to review; read through the guidelines; select a new chair for the ACMC.

2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes;

- November 15, 2011
- January 25 & 26, 2012

ACMC members agreed to bring the meeting notes home and read through them and if they had any questions to write them down and ask any questions before the end of the meeting.

3. Discuss/Review the Isulijarnik Guidelines;

- Code of Conduct
- Conflict of Interest
- Operation Procedures

Martha reading through the (3) guidelines in Inuktitut, have to make couple of corrections on the Operation Procedures section and will bring back to the ACMC's once the minor correction have been made for signing.

4. Selection of ACMC Chair.

Martha –We need to select a new ACMC Chair for the committee and it has been brought to my attention that it would be preferred that the one you select have computer/email access for communication purposes. ACMC Members agree for any members to put in their names for nomination. Two members put in their names and the Members voted for the same person twice, the third time around, ACMC members voted Olayuk Akesuk as there new ACMC Chair. Members all agree to destroy and cast the votes.

ACMC members finishes the meeting agenda items and they have no other business or comments but are really happy about the meeting outcome, the ACMC members are eager and showing a lot of interest being on the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.