

COASTAL HABITAT RESEARCH PROGRAM
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 53
HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 8, 2022

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| PRESENT: | Félix Boulanger | EMRWB representative |
| | Réal Courcelles | Hydro-Québec |
| | Marc Dunn | Niskamoon Corporation |
| | Carine Durocher | Hydro-Québec |
| | Jean-Philippe Gilbert | Hydro-Québec |
| | Louie Kanatewat | Cree Nation of Chisasibi |
| | John Lameboy | Cree Nation of Chisasibi |
| | Josée Lefebvre | Canadian Wildlife Service |
| | Geraldine Mark | Cree Nation of Wemindji |
| | Gregory Mayappo | Cree Nation of Eastmain |
| | Ernest Moses | Cree Nation of Waskaganish |
| | Ernie Rabbitskin | Niskamoon Corporation |
| | Emily Sinave | Cree Nation Government (partly) |
| | Robbie Tapiatic | Cree Nation of Chisasibi |
| Alain Tremblay | Hydro-Québec | |
| ABSENT: | James Bobbish | Cree Nation of Chisasibi |
| | Roderick Pachano | Cree Nation of Chisasibi |
| GUESTS: | Zou Zou Kuzyk | University of Manitoba |
| | Mélanie Leblanc | McGill University |
| | Mary O'Connor | University of British Columbia |

PROPOSED AGENDA

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 1) Approval of the agenda
- 2) No Cost Extension for University of Manitoba, McGill University and UBC

3) Next meeting – December 16

CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Réal Courcelles chaired the meeting. Mhaly Bois-Charlebois acted as Secretary.

The meeting began at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The chair reviewed the agenda and it was approved.

2) NO COST EXTENSION FOR UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND UBC

Marc Dunn asked if the researchers are sure that the timeline will suffice to finish all that is left to do.

Carine Durocher said she had the same question.

Alain Tremblay said that it is quite common to have delays at universities and that for him it's not a problem to extend the program. He added that April might be a bit tight to finish everything.

Mary O'Connor said that they will be done by April.

Ms. Durocher said that they could extend to June, and that she thinks it's better to take time and have something they all agree on.

Zou Zou Kuzyk said that she respects Ms. Durocher's point of view but believes that April will be fine.

Ms. O'Connor said that the draft report is coming very soon.

Mr. Dunn said that he agrees with this change and added that James Bobbish had made comments by email.

Ms. Kuzyk said that if the SC is more comfortable having more time for the review process, she has no objections.

Ms. Durocher said that it all depends on their ability to send their comments to the researchers before April 1.

Ms. O'Connor said that it would have to be earlier than April 1.

Mr. Courcelles said that if they receive the report in January, they should be able to send in their comments by March 1 at the latest.

Ms. Durocher said that the draft might include raw data, so it will depend on how the document is detailed.

Ms. O'Connor said that it will not include only raw data. She said that the teams will submit data, and each of their reports is quite detailed. She added that the report will be long (80 to 100 pages, including figures) but not overly technical.

Emily Sinave said that she believes there is a protocol in place for these matters and asked if the 60 days to review applies.

Mr. Courcelles said that the protocol recommends two weeks for reviews, but is aimed at publications such as an annual report. He said that, for the final report, he doesn't believe two weeks will be enough.

Ms. Durocher said that if they receive the report in January, a March deadline will be okay.

Mr. Dunn pointed out that, in May, everybody will be gone, so it doesn't make much difference to agree on a later date. He said that Léo Sirois is a little uncomfortable because they've already strayed from the original agreement, so he would prefer to keep the final date in April, with the understanding that they can't get another extension.

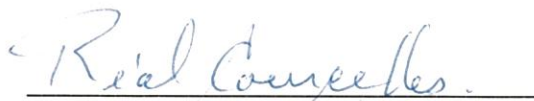
Ms. O'Connor said that that sounded good for them.

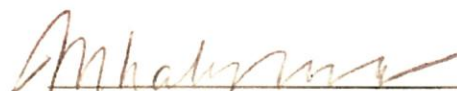
The members present at the meeting were in favor of the text and the timeline discussed.

3) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was planned for December 16, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.


Réal Courcelles, Chair of the meeting


Mhaly Bois-Charlebois, Secretary