

TS'YL-OS ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(TAG) MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2006
HELD AT SIGNAL POINT MEETNG ROOM, WILLIAMS LAKE

Peter Goetz welcomed everyone and introductions were made. A sign-in sheet and handouts were made available.

An information session and power-point talk coordinated by Amanda Moncrieff was presented to the advisory group on invasive plants in the Cariboo Chilcotin area.

Chief Roger gave an information update on the court case proceedings to date, hearings have been completed and outcome will be complete 2007. He briefed everyone on the status of the Traditional Village as well as the previous summer's activities.

Peter provided an update on the Park operation during the summer of 2007 (see handout). One item was the possible installation of a gate to the Nu Chugh Beniz campground. Some discussion was raised regarding the campground gate closure on the park during the off season and whether it was necessary. BC Parks and the Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government will re-look at this issue before installing.

Concern from group over condition of the trails. Peter informed the group that a contract was issued this year for trail clearing and upgrading and that next year, Parks plans to do an inspection of trail and work done to date. Parks has also written continued trail work into the 07/08 business plan and this will be dependant on funding at the regional level.

Campground day-use and camping attendance figures were presented (see handout). Parks will install traffic counter and begin collecting day-use figures at the north end and install trail counter/sign in station and begin to collect user data on trails (Yohetta/Tchaikazan and Tulin)

Lunch Break

A bull trout study presentation by Rob Dolighan was given to the group outlining the historic and current status of bull trout. A request was made to Government that if any additional enhancement/habitat monitoring studies were to be conducted that the Xeni Band would like to provide some assistance.

A discussion regarding recommendations for changes to the angling regulations for 2007/08 was raised. The group discussed catch and release on Chilko Lake. They also brought forward the following ideas for the Chilko River:

- Drift boat regulation change (support jet boat use). The boating restrictions for the Chilko River were discussed and this proposal requires additional consultation.
- Better signage for "flyfishing only" above Brittany Creek. Would like to see more enforcement on the river.

Front Counter BC gave a presentation on the new “one stop shop” recently endorsed by our Williams Lake office. Manager, Tony Fiala, discussed how this new system is going to work.

Map of the Goal Two Area and Wildlife Management Area presented to group by Peter Goetz. Timelines and restrictions of each area was discussed (see presentation handout for details)

Scott Jones, General Manager of Taseko Mines briefed the group on what is going on currently at the Gibraltar mine site and what plans are in place for the Fish Lake project. (presentation unavailable)

Park Discussion

Creation of a day-use walk in area at the north end was discussed. A site visit will be done in the spring. The first site directly behind the water pump is being considered. This area would work well as this area is often wet and not suitable for vehicle use which often runs the grass.

Concern over ATV and motorized recreation in the area.

The Bull Trout fishery on Chilko Lake was re-visited and a number of recommendations by the group were made:

- That conservation measures be implemented to protect and enhance Bull Trout populations
- Support trout/char catch and release, keep **one** mature bull trout, 65cm or more (mature) – no objection from any group. This would allow for a significant reduction in harvest and promote stock recovery.
- It was recommended that better signage for “catch and release” techniques be posted at the BC Parks campsites.

Discussions with Peter Goetz:

- Asked if the Fire Management Plan has been recently reviewed which is a concern for local residents bordering the Park. The document will be put on the Park website.
- George Colgate advised that a Traditional Village site plan is a work in progress, “draft only” format at the present time.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15