

Ducks Unlimited Meeting

Date: June 25, 2021

Attendees:

- Jamie Kenyon, DUC
- DRPC: Nicole Percival and Tim Sellars

Notes:

Questions and comments from DUC:

- SMA 2:
 - SMA 2 is difficult to understand.
 - The designation does not align with the purpose
 - There are contradictory statements in the plan surrounding the SMA 2s
 - The plan suggests an option for an IPCA (Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas) to be designated but the description for SMA 2 is inconsistent with how IPCA's have been implemented
 - IPCA's are usually 'formally protected'
 - Mining is not normally allowed in IPCA
 - Indian River Wetlands and Scottie Creek – wetlands of special importance – draft YG policy defines wetlands of special importance as areas where there would be 'no loss' of wetland function/or value but the description within the plan would allow for development in wetlands which seems contradictory
 - Need more clarity regarding access in the SMA 2s (stranded claims, can roads be built?)
- Section 4.2.4; Wetlands
 - Planning strategy – d) mitigation hierarchy – good to see this it is in the plan, but the definitions and goals of each stage of the hierarchy need to be added
- General impressions of the plan:
 - More positives than negatives.
 - Complex – takes time to understand it