

Attendees

- **DRPC: Tim Sellars, Nicole Percival, Charlotte Luscombe**
- **Yukon Conservation Society: Sebastian, Deborah, Coral, Tara**

Dates: June 17 & 22, 2021

Notes

Questions and comments from YCS:

- How will the Draft Plan fit into Yukon's trajectory of Land Use planning?
- Why are disturbance levels so high for ISA 4 LMUs?
- Making the thresholds 'understandable' is important e.g. something like Henderson Corner would account for less than 5%
- The words of the plan matter
- This is an area of global significance
- What is the 'global' significance of the plan?
 - SMA2 – what criteria for conservation management does it meet? Will it meet international body criteria or guidelines? Canada and Yukon have targets that we should consider.
- SMA – how does this relate to the Final Agreements? Is SMA the best description / term?
- The map itself paints SMA2 so it appears there's a lot of 'green' in a way that isn't fully accurate – uncomfortable with the way it is presented
- NGO called 'RESOLVE' are looking to do permanent reclamation work with Placer Miners
 - Free entry as it stands currently means after reclamation anyone can go in and re-stake
 - This NGO where staking is removed could make real impact – they work with miners and pay for some of the reclamation work
 - "Resolve" NGO restoration projects link into habitat recovery, including salmon spawning habitat.
- Land stewardship trust – very interesting and something we should workshop
- Why is Top of the World highway not made an LMU or have special management direction like Klondike and Dempster Highways?
- Need to leave something behind for somebody else
- Need mineral development class 3 & 4 reporting annually in order to properly manage cumulative effects
- Where there are no new withdrawals, restoration is more effective.
- There is a restoration project at Dominion Creek (Stuart Schmidt).
- Page 39 states that 40% of fens can be developed – contradicts the section that 25%-75% is being considered.
- Follow-up meeting after initial meeting with Sebastian on June 17.
- Did we consider ecoregion representation for conservation measures?
- Nicole would check into the Yukon Plateau North vs. McQuesten Highlands ecoregion to ensure the RAR reflects the updated ecoregion information. (yes, confirmed)
- Were 30 for 30 protected area targets considered in the goals of the Plan?

Dawson Draft Plan Feedback

- Concern about wetlands as once they are disrupted, they can't be 'reclaimed', can only turn them into ponds. What about wetlands that may not yet be identified and mapped?