

# **MEETING NOTES**

**Topic:** Community-Driven Research and Monitoring Working Group

Date/Time: 3:00-4:30 pm ET, Monday, April 28, 2025

**Location:** Google Meet Video Conference Call

Chair: Maude Durand, Oceans North Canada (WG Leader)

#### Attendees:

Hope Hill - Mushkegowuk Council

Molly Morse - Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)

Lucas Beaver - Birds Canada

Alessia Guzzi - University of Manitoba (UMan)

Christopher Beck - Cree Nation Government (CNG)

Joel Heath - Arctic Eider Society (AES)

Dante Torio - Chisasibi Eeyou Resource and Research Institute (CERRI)

Billy Nicoll - Tasiujaqiuaqmiut Sheeweetaganapoi Consortium Secretariat

Ryan Barry - Tasiujaqiuaqmiut Sheeweetaganapoi Consortium Secretariat

Serena Panatalok - Tasiujaqiuaqmiut Sheeweetaganapoi Consortium Secretariat

### **Notes on Agenda Items:**

### 1) Welcome & introductions

• Billy Nicoll welcomed as new Director of Operations

#### 2) Reflections on the Roundtable Report

- Reports, and graphic notes can be found at <a href="https://tsconsortium.com/meeting/2025-roundtable/">https://tsconsortium.com/meeting/2025-roundtable/</a>
- Secretariat recognized the hard work that this WG put into the roundtable
- WG members appreciated:
  - Youth participation, and the dialogue between youth and elders
  - That it was a safe place for participants to share, even on difficult topics
  - That the event was well organized and ran smoothly

- That conversations have advanced moving from priorities to initiatives
- That there was more networking time and connections that led to collaborations after the event
- The graphic recordings as a way to communicate results
- That the event brought the topic of Indigenous data sovereignty to the forefront
- The CIRNAC presentation on funding acquisition
- Ryan Barry Lots of commonalities in community priorities: changing climate, animal migrations changing, how communities are adapting
- Serena Panaktalok communities feel it's a safe space for sharing difficult topics
- Molly Morse Would love to see youth contingent grow. Suggest organizing youth as soon as
  possible. One of the youth noted they had little time to prepare as they were selected by their
  regional organization last-minute
- Joel Heath Interjurisdictional work is important. Voices from the Bay 2 suggested, potentially in video format to make it accessible to youth
- Lucas Beaver Helped know where to focus efforts based on community priorities, very useful for networking

## 3) Discussion: key takeaways and next steps

- Types of priorities shared at research and monitoring roundtable included:
  - Environmental impacts, such as climate change
  - Wildlife health and availability
  - Research and monitoring needs
  - Indigenous Knowledge and cultural preservation
  - Food security and community wellbeing
  - Governance and collaboration
- Maude Durand Terms of Reference (TOR) is complete for the WG. Next step is developing a work plan. What can we work on together?
- Ryan Barry Preparation for the Summit target dates are late February 2026 in Ottawa. Consider what should be accomplished beforehand to build toward another successful meeting.
- Molly Morse Possible to create a moderated online forum for the discussion to continue in between meetings?
- Project Map:
  - Major request from participants. Initial version currently live on website.
  - O How to get people engaged with it?
  - What projects should be on it?
  - WG has a running spreadsheet to track projects for the map
  - A form has been created to facilitate adding to the list. It can be used internally to share projects to the list
  - Transparency: should projects need to share their contact info? Some on our list cannot have their contact info shared due to privacy rules.
  - Maude Durand Suggested that the map be searchable in future
  - Joel Heath Important for communities to be able to access the map. SIKU may be able to help with this. It could also be used as a plugin to add a list to the website.
  - Ryan Barry The map could focus on connecting people in the Consortium, and potentially show Protected Areas, understanding boundaries are being determined
  - WG determined that objectives and criteria for the map should be further refined. Need to balance capacity and goals.

- 4) Updates from members
- N/A
- 5) Open discussion: priorities and upcoming activities
- N/A
- 6) Next steps & meeting wrap-up
- A doodle poll will be shared for the next meeting with a wide range of dates
- An updated list of WG members will be shared (Note: more representation from Western Hudson Bay needed)
- WG members to continue tracking projects
- A work plan will be developed for the WG
- Objectives and criteria for the project map will be further developed

