

Main Activities of the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee (DLUPC)



Hart Lake — Proposed Conservation Zone

The draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan provides guidance on water management



Spring 2020

1. DLUPC Meetings (Apr 15, May 13, Jun 17)
2. Technical Working Group Meetings (Apr 3, Jun 5)

Summer 2020

1. DLUPC Meetings (Jul 24, Sep 17)
2. Audit completed (Jul 24)
3. AGM held (Jul 24)
4. Dehcho Process Main Table Updates (Jul 24, Sep 17)
5. Dehcho leaders update (Aug 26)
6. Technical Working Group Meetings (Jul 16 & 31, Aug 20, Sep 18)
7. Information Session on Outstanding Issues – Jean Marie River First Nation (Jul 9)

Fall 2020

1. DLUPC Meeting (Dec 10)
2. Dehcho Process Main Table Updates (Dec 10)
3. December – 2019-20 Annual Report completed, printed and mailed to all Dehcho households and stakeholders

Winter 2021

1. DLUPC Meetings (Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 25)
2. DLUPC Strategic Planning Session – prepared draft 2021-22 strategic goals and workplan which focus on updating Dehcho stakeholder groups, completing a draft plan to release for public review and developing plan to prepare for implementation (Jan 26)
3. Dehcho Process Main Table Updates (Feb 23, Mar 12, Mar 25)
4. March - 2020-21 draft Annual Activity Report prepared
5. March – 2021-22 draft Budget and workplan submitted to Main Table for review
6. Presentation on tools in draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan to manage boreal caribou habitat – Southern NWT Boreal Caribou Workshop 4 (Mar 22-23)

DLUPC Meetings

1. **April 15, 2020** – Conference Call
2. **May 13, 2020** – Conference Call
3. **June 17, 2020** – Conference Call
4. **July 24, 2020** – Annual General Meeting; Conference Call
5. **September 17, 2020** – Conference Call
6. **December 10, 2020** – Conference Call
7. **January 26, 2021** – Conference Call
8. **February 23, 2021** – Conference Call
9. **March 25, 2021** – Conference Call

DLUPC Technical Working Group Meetings

1. **April 3, 2020** – Conference Call
2. **June 5, 2020** – Conference Call
3. **July 16 & 31, 2020** – Conference Call
4. **August 20, 2020** – Conference Call
5. **September 18, 2020** – Conference Call

Dehcho Process Main Table Updates

1. **July 24, 2020** – Main Table Report
2. **September 17, 2020** – Main Table Report
3. **December 10, 2020** – Main Table Report
4. **February 23, 2021** – Main Table Report
5. **March 12, 2021** – Conference Call with Main Table to review February 23 Report, Revised Road Map and Status of 2020-21 Workplan Submitted to Parties
6. **March 25, 2021** – Main Table Report

Dehcho First Nations Updates

1. **August 26, 2020** – Update to DFN Leadership Meeting – Presentation (via Zoom)

Workshops, Forums and Conferences

1. **March 22-23, 2021** – Southern NWT Boreal Caribou Range Planning Workshop 4 (via MS Teams)

Aboriginal Government Meetings

1. **July 9, 2020** – Information Session on Outstanding Issues – Jean Marie River First Nation

Status of Plan

The DLUPC is in the final stages of revising the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan to prepare for a public review.

Strategic Objectives

In 2020-21, the strategic objectives were:

1. Completing a draft interim plan
2. Preparing for implementation of the interim plan
3. Supporting administration of the DLUPC.

Major tasks completed to achieve the objectives were:

1. Continuing to review comments from the internal reviews by the Parties of the June 26, 2016 draft Interim Plan that were received in April 2019.
2. The DLUPC updated timelines for the two year road map to complete and approve the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan.



The draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan will not apply to land within municipal boundaries.



When approved, the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan will protect important harvesting areas.

Message from the Chair

In 2020-21, the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee (DLUPC) focused its efforts on revising the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan based on comments previously submitted by the Dehcho First Nations, GNWT and Government of Canada. The DLUPC is preparing for broad engagement and a public review in 2022.

The DLUPC welcomed new representatives, Janet Pound (Government of Canada) and Gina Ridgely (GNWT). Janet Pound replaced Anne-Marie Doyle as Canada's representative and Gina Ridgely replaced Terry Hall as the GNWT's representative.

The DLUPC met nine times in the year, all by teleconference. NWT COVID-19 Public Health Orders limited the Committee's ability to carry out most activities with the public. For example, Dehcho First Nations cancelled the annual Dehcho Assembly and the Dehcho Youth Ecology camp and the GNWT cancelled its annual Land Use Planning Forum. Typically the DLUPC would attend and present at these events and use them as opportunities to engage on the draft plan.

A highlight in 2020-21 was a presentation to the Southern NWT Boreal Caribou Range Planning Working Group on how proposed tools within a draft Interim Dehcho land use plan could protect boreal caribou habitat. Another highlight was an engagement session with Jean Marie River First Nation on status of the draft plan and a better understanding of the outstanding issues. The DLUPC was also able to maintain the public profile of the plan with the mail-out of the 2019-20 annual report flyer to Dehcho households.

If you want to learn more about the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan, the DLUPC is always happy to provide a presentation or information. Just call us!

Chair, Joachim Bonnetrouge

DLUPC Members 2020-2021

Chair

Joachim Bonnetrouge

Vice-Chair

Herb Norwegian (DFN)

Secretary-Treasurer

Allen Bouvier (DFN)

Director

Terry Hall/Gina Ridgely (GNWT)

Director

Janet Pound (Canada)

The DLUPC mandate is to prepare a Dehcho Land Use Plan following the guidelines in Appendix II of the *Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement*. The DLUPC reports to the Dehcho Process Main Table.



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Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

2020-2021 Annual Report



Horn River — Proposed Conservation Zone



Kakisa Falls — Proposed Candidate Protected Area Zone

Sambaa K'e — Proposed Candidate Protected Area Zone



What is the purpose of a Dehcho Land Use Plan?

The Purpose of a Dehcho Land Use Plan is "to promote the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Dehcho territory, having regard for the interests of all Canadians" (IMA,S.3). That is why traditional land use is the foundation of the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan. Under the proposed plan, the areas of highest traditional land use are protected. Resource potential was also assessed to identify zones where economic development activities could take place.

