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Progress continues on Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan

WHITEHORSE – A number of measures to enable a response to the Peel Commission's Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan by the end of February 2011 were addressed at a recent meeting of representatives from the five parties tasked with completing the Peel Watershed planning process.

After a review period following the close of public consultation, the parties' Senior Liaison Committee met on December 14. The committee comprises representatives from the Government of Yukon, First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Government, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

To enable a response to the commission by the end of February, the committee agreed to:

- seek an extension of the region's interim sub-surface staking withdrawal;
- update the parties' joint Letter of Understanding in January 2011 which outlines their intergovernmental working arrangements for the Peel Planning process; and
- develop a joint committee response to the commission.

The committee will meet in mid-January to wrap-up the final steps needed to complete these measures.

Regional land use planning is an obligation under Chapter 11 of the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements. The objective of regional land use planning is to provide guidance for the integrated management of lands and resources in order to ensure sustainable development and sound environmental stewardship.

For more information on the Peel Watershed regional planning process, visit <http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/>.

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