



Northwest Territories Tourism Resolutions

Northwest Territories Tourism members address their concerns by adopting resolutions during the Annual General Meeting. Once presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting and adopted as a resolution, resolutions become the official position of Northwest Territories Tourism. Adopted resolutions are sent to the Government of the Northwest Territories or to other applicable Government/Agencies for consideration and response. The resolutions are discussed as agenda items during meetings of the Board of Directors to ensure these items remain priority and progress on these issues is advanced among other items.

Category A – New Resolutions

The following new resolutions were approved at the 2015 Annual General Meeting held in Yellowknife, NT on November 5, 2015.

Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-08 GRIZZLY BEAR ENCOUNTERS

BE IT RESOLVED that given the increase in violent encounters between people and grizzly bears in the Mackenzie Mountains NWT encourage ENR to conduct a population survey of the mountain grizzly bear populations in the Mackenzie Mountains with the intent of opening a well-managed grizzly bear sport hunting harvest or employing other wildlife management techniques to address the problem. ENR is further encouraged to conduct population surveys of other grizzly bear populations in the NWT.

Moved by: Harold Grinde

Seconded by: Susan Wright

Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Opposed:0

Status: OPEN

Progress Report:

A letter was sent in December 2015 by the Chairperson of NWT Tourism to the GNWT regarding this resolution. A meeting was held in June 2016 with the Director of Wildlife, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Wildlife Biologist for Carnivores/Furbearers. In that meeting, GNWT ENR committed to:

- provide confirmation of what constitutes and “incident”, and to clarify the process for handling a bear incident, confirming any variations there may be in the regions;
- clarify what statistics are available regarding bear incidents reported, including how incidents are categorized and response times, if possible, and if trends in data are emerging, what GNWT is doing to learn more about or address trends being observed;

- provide a summary of the research that is being done to survey the Grizzly Bear population in the Sahtu and what research would have to be completed before it could consider any opening up in that region for sport hunting of grizzly bear. This summary would clarify timeline for research and if challenges to undertake (budgetary) what are the constraints GNWT has in undertaking this population study;
- follow up on the two incidents in the Sahtu where there were violent attacks by Grizzly bears with a view to determining if there were any recommendations that came out of the investigations into those attacks that would be helpful to NWTT and GNWT in discussing whether some safety practices by Outfitters need to be improved or any other learning that both GNWT ENR and NWTT can bring to this discussion;
- clarify what statistics are available regarding bear incidents reported, including how incidents are categorized and response times, if possible, and if trends in data are emerging, what GNWT is doing to learn more about or address trends being observed.

In August 2016, NWT Tourism reviewed the Grizzly Bear Species Status Report, issued by the NWT Species at risk secretariat for review and comment. With input from industry members, NWT Tourism provided written comments to the GNWT regarding the report, again noting the gaps in grizzly bear surveys and advocating that these gaps be closed.

In October 2016, NWT Tourism followed up with GNWT regarding the action item outcomes from the June meeting. At the time of writing this report, NWTT is awaiting a response from GNWT ENR.

Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-09 REMOTE MEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED that given the growing demand for wilderness based tourism, and the lack of a publicly funded medivac service for remote lodges and remote wilderness travelers and the lack of clarity on the GNWT policies around such a service, that the GNWT establish a medivac service that serves remote locations and uses local air services that are familiar with conditions in the area where evacuation is required.

Moved by: Robin Wotherspoon

Seconded by: Judith Wright-Bird

**ABSTENSIONS: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

OPPOSED: 0

Status: CLOSED

Progress Report:

A letter was sent in December 2015 by the Chairperson of NWT Tourism to the GNWT regarding this resolution.

A second follow-up letter was sent to the Department of Justice in March 2016, following discussions with the Department of Health and Social Services in which NWTT was advised that DOJ had taken the lead on this file.

In April 2016, GNWT notified NWTT in writing that GNWT was now providing medical remote evacuations through the Stanton Territorial Health Authority's Med-Response service and air

ambulance contractor for air ambulance evacuations and transfers from known locations, and that this service could be coordinated directly through the RCMP.

In May, NWTT liaised with members who had raised these concerns, seeking input on the new protocol and identifying a number of areas where additional information was required by tourism operators. A request to meet with GNWT Health and Social Services was initiated.

In September, a meeting was held with representatives from GNWT Health & Social Services and the Executive Director of the Northwest Territories Health & Social Services Authority to seek further clarity on matters related to dispatch process, costs related to air ambulance services and to discuss opportunities for regional carriers to be part of the service contractors for remote medical evacuations. GNWT provided clarity on what is included in the Air Ambulance Services, how invoicing is processed and who is billed in the event an air ambulance is ordered by a tourism operator.

This information has been provided to those members who raised the concerns about how remote medical evacuations have been handled in the past. There are a few outstanding questions, and NWT Tourism has sought clarification on these from GNWT and will pass that additional information onto members when it is received.

Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-10 DEVELOPING A SKILLED TOURISM WORKFORCE

BE IT RESOLVED that given the importance of a skilled workforce to the success of businesses in the tourism sector, high schools and Aurora College include tourism curricula and tourism certification programs to increase the pool of people with appropriate skills available to pursue careers in tourism in the NWT.

Moved by: Dana Fergusson

Seconded by: Leah Keats

**ABSTENSIONS: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

OPPOSED: 0

Status: CLOSED

Progress Report:

A letter was sent in December 2015 by the Chairperson of NWT Tourism to the GNWT regarding this resolution.

NWT Tourism has been participating in the Skills 4 Success Initiative, led by the GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment, providing input into community engagement, advocating for high school credit and/or post-secondary course offerings that develop a tourism skilled workforce, using nationally accredited training where it already exists to avoid duplication.

NWT Tourism has also participated in the Tourism Training Action Plan Working Group, which included representation from the GNWT Department of ECE, ITI and Aurora College and the NWT Literacy Council. As part of this working groups' initiatives, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment has developed and will soon be releasing a new career booklet for

NWT Resident students that identifies the many careers available in tourism and the path through programs to obtain the education required to pursue such careers. This is scheduled for release in 2016 before year end.

Also as part of this Tourism Training action Plan Working Group, Aurora College has committed to undertaking a needs assessment with the business community in the NWT. This will be undertaken and completed before the end of the calendar year 2016 and NWT tourism operators will be encouraged by NWTT to participate in the needs assessment survey. The survey's goal is to understand whether an opportunity to deliver tourism streamed options in the Business Diploma at Aurora College could meet the some of the labour training needs of the tourism industry. Once this work is completed, Aurora College will next undertake a survey of students in the NWT to assess if there is adequate student interest in such a tourism streamed business diploma program. This will be completed by spring 2017.

Once these two steps are concluded, if the need has been confirmed in the survey and if the student interest is there, Aurora College will, as a final step, bring potential partners together to discuss the results of the survey and to consider the possibilities of implementing such a program. This decision and a meeting with funding partners would likely be early summer 2017.

Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-11 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that given the negative impact of federal transportation regulations on charter air services in the NWT, that NWTT provide support to the Northern Airline Transportation Association (NATA) to lobby Transport Canada to recognize that regulations must take into account the different operating conditions facing air services in different parts of Canada and make allowances in regulations for the unique operating conditions facing northern air services in serving the northern tourism sector.

Moved by: Susan Wright

Seconded by: Yvonne Quick

**ABSENTIONS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.**

OPPOSED: 0

Status: CLOSED

Progress Report:

A letter was sent to NATA in February 2016 expressing interest by NWTT to work with NATA on the review of the Canadian Transportation Act Review Report. NWTT confirmed the issues of importance to the NWT tourism industry and sought support from NATA to include northern issues identification in response to the Transportation Act Review.

NWT Tourism also worked with the Tourism Industry Association of Canada and other Tourism Industry Associations as part of tourism week lobbying activity on Parliament Hill. A meeting was held with the NWT Member of Parliament, advocating for challenges related to airline access to be addressed, including reduction in fees, taxes, levies imposed on air transportation to and from Canada and advocating for flexibility to ensure that northern carriers can continue to provide unique services to transport outdoor adventure paddlers into rivers etc.

In June, NWTT along with NATA, the NWT Chamber of Commerce, Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and Yellowknife Hotel Association, collaborated in a discussion regarding changes being proposed by GNWT for increased fees at the Yellowknife Airport. A joint meeting was held with GNWT DOT in July to hear their proposal and to benefit from hearing the questions asked by each organization of GNWT regarding the proposal.

NWT Tourism also reviewed reports produced by GWNT, Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to the 2016 *Aeronautical Rates & Charges Review – Yellowknife Airport*, and the Draft *Yellowknife Airport Five Year Business Plan* and met with DOT in October 2016 to discuss the plan to establish new fees to YK Airport, advocating to ensure tourism industry is not jeopardized by increased fees and NWT being positioned as less competitive to other global tourism competition for aurora and other nature experiences. NWT Tourism continues to provide input to DOT on this matter.

Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-12

BLACK BEAR INCIDENT RESPONSE

BE IT RESOLVED that given the high incidence of black bear and people encounters in the NWT and that it is the responsibility of ENR to respond to incidents with wildlife, that ENR respond to bear incidents in a timely manner to ensure the safety of people.

Moved by: Margaret Peterson
ABSENTIONS: 2
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded by: Rosanna Strong
OPPOSED: 0

Status: OPEN

Progress Report:

A letter was sent in December 2015 by the Chairperson of NWT Tourism to the GNWT regarding this resolution. As noted regarding Resolution 11-05-2015-AGM -08, a meeting was held in June 2016 with the Director of Wildlife, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Wildlife Biologist for Carnivores/Furbearers. NWTT identified for GNWT where this concern is coming from (area surrounding Yellowknife) and has suggested that a review of incidents reported in the area be reviewed by GNWT to determine what opportunities there may be for improved response time, strengthened reporting to the public regarding risks and risk mitigations. Follow-up on this discussion will continue in conjunction with discussion related to Resolution 11-05-2015-AGM-08.

Category B – Standing Resolutions

Contain resolutions relating to specific matters, which have already been considered by the NWTT within the previous five years and have not yet been closed or completed.

Motion 11-20-2014-AGM-16

TOURISM TRAINING

Moved by: Jenni Bruce

Seconded by: Bobby Drygeese

**Opposed: None
CARRIED.**

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS there is an identified gap in tourism training in the NWT;

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Education, Culture and Employment has funding and the ability to offer these courses in the education system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NWT Tourism aggressively lobby for a structured tourism training program in the North.

Status: CLOSED

Progress Report:

See the Progress Report on Resolution # 11-05-2015-AGM-10.

In addition, the GNWT, Department of Industry, Tourism & Investment's Tourism 2020 Plan, issued in October 2016 includes support for the development of a skilled workforce in conjunction with the Department of Education, Culture & Employment. This includes working with high schools to offer tourism curricula for credit, and putting in place practicums with local businesses for providing services to visitors.

Moved by: Harold Grinde**Seconded by: Jenni Bruce****Opposed: None
CARRIED.****Abstentions: None**

WHEREAS NWT TOURISM has established appointed positions on its board for Aboriginal Governments as a means to ensure Aboriginal tourism is as an integral part of our industry organization;

WHEREAS NWT TOURISM does not pay honorariums for Board members as board appointments are considered voluntary;

WHEREAS ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTED DIRECTORS are sometimes disadvantaged in that they need to take leave without pay to attend a board meeting and this can create a financial disincentive to participate in the Board and this can be a barrier to active participation on the Board by some Aboriginal Government appointed directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that NWT Tourism and the Government of the Northwest Territories should work together to find a way for appointed directors from the Aboriginal governments to receive honorariums from their governments to increase their participation on the NWT Tourism Board.

Status: OPEN**Progress Report:**

The Chairman met with and sent a letter to the Minister of ITI in December 2014 regarding this resolution. He discussed the importance of creating systemic supports to encourage and enable the involvement of Aboriginal Government representatives in the funding structure for NWT Tourism. NWT Tourism also discussed the need to support Aboriginal Government involvement with the GNWT during preparation of its 2015/16 budget and continues to advocate for appropriate funding for meaningful participation. No changes to the core administrative budget have resulted from discussions with the GNWT to date.

In the absence of any additional core administrative funding from GNWT, NWTT reviewed all core administration costs, and revamped its core administration budget to support 4 meetings annually face-to-face for all Board members for the 2015/16 budget, reducing travel for the Executive Director to the regions. This enabled more meaningful participation for board members outside of Yellowknife at the Board meetings and this has been continued in the 2016/17 budget.

In June 2016, the GNWT Department of ITI presented updated information on its Tourism 2020 plan and discussed a new Tourism Champion Program Fund for communities in the plan. The Board identified that this fund may be an avenue for Aboriginal Governments to establish their NWTT Appointed Directors as Champions. A letter was written by the Chairperson to GNWT ITI in September 2016 advocating for flexibility in the Aboriginal Champion program fund and encouraging the GNWT to work with NWTT and Aboriginal Governments to put in place terms of reference that would enable Aboriginal Government to be eligible for accessing Aboriginal Champion funds to support their appointees to NWTT's board. The GNWT in October indicating the terms and conditions of the fund do not include payment for honoraria.

Moved by: Frazer Pike
Opposed: None
CARRIED.

Seconded by: Robin Wotherspoon
Abstentions: 3

WHEREAS small tourism operators who are not operating remote lodges and who are not special events promoters would like to offer alcohol as part of their packaged tour experiences without having to obtain multiple liquor licenses;

WHEREAS the current liquor regulations require a licensed tour operator who wants to provide alcohol in a small craft boat to obtain a Class C mobile license and if that same operator wants to also incorporate the provision of alcohol to its clients as part of a tourism experience that is not part of a small craft boat experience, then a separate Class D Liquor license is required and if that same operator wants to undertake special events in order to put together unique tourism experiences, a Class 1 Special Event License is required;

WHEREAS tourism operators offering a tourism experience that may include both land based and water based activity have attempted to obtain the multiple liquor licenses that are required to conduct their tourism businesses and yet when applying for any of these licenses, the structure of the tourism operators' businesses do not fit the requirements that enable them to obtain any of these licenses and they are being advised to set up new businesses in order to qualify;

WHEREAS tourism operators have a limited season in which to generate revenues for their businesses and have domestic and international clients whose expectations include the ability to have access to alcohol as part of their tourism experience and operators want to have control over this experience for safety reasons;

BE IT RESOLVED that NWT Tourism meet with the NWT Liquor Board and advocate for changes to the regulations that make it possible for small tourism operators to incorporate the serving of alcohol as part of a tourism experience or event without having to reorganize their business structures, without having to obtain multiple liquor licenses and without the requirement that they establish themselves as special events organizations or remote lodge establishments.

Status: ONGOING

Progress Report:

In December 2014, the Chairman sent a letter to the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the NWT Liquor Licensing Board, and met with the Minister of ITI regarding 2014 AGM Resolutions, among other matters. The Executive Director has discussed with the Chair of the NWT Liquor Licensing Board the challenges experienced by 2 Seasons Adventures in advancing its liquor license applications on two occasions since 2014.

In December 2015, this issue was flagged again by the Chairperson in a letter to GNWT. NWTT has reviewed the Liquor Act and Regulations and has worked through each of the classes of liquor licenses and has provided examples to the Liquor Board Chairperson and staff regarding

how interpretation of the regulations is preventing access to tourism operators who don't own lodges, cruise ships and restaurants from accessing liquor licenses or whose businesses' corporate structure is being challenged for the purpose of liquor licensing.

In the spring of 2016 a new issue emerged that has potential to affect fishing lodges with licenses. The issue is that the Liquor Board is now discussing whether renewals for liquor licenses across the NWT will require updated Occupancy Load Certificates from the Office of the Fire Marshall. If so, this will require the Office of the Fire Marshall to conduct on-site inspections of seven fishing lodges that will be renewing their license. NWT Tourism has been working with ITI and the Liquor Board to mitigate any risks that fishing lodges will be negatively impacted by this potential change.

Motion 08-11-2013-AGM-15
Moved by: Don Morin

MAINTAIN ADEQUATE TRAINING FUNDS
Seconded by: Jackie Challis

Opposed: None
CARRIED.

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS ongoing training and professional development is essential to the tourism industry offering safe and quality products and services to visitors; and

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment oversees and provides funding for training to the tourism industry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NWT Tourism urges the Government of the Northwest Territories to maintain adequate funding to meet training requirements for the betterment of the tourism industry; and

FURTHER THAT NWT Tourism be consulted in identifying training needs for the tourism industry.

Status: CLOSED

See Progress Report on Motion 11-05-2015-AGM-10.

Moved by Yvonne Quick
Opposed: 2
CARRIED.

Seconded by Carlos Gonzalez
Abstentions:

WHEREAS the current fishing license regulations provide free fishing licenses for NWT residents over 65 years old and 16 years old and younger; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing number of visitors over 65 years old due to the aging population of baby boomers; and

WHEREAS a free fishing license for non-resident seniors and youth may encourage more visitors to the NWT; and

WHEREAS a free fishing license would encourage more visitors to book fishing trips with tour operators; and

WHEREAS this will provide additional interest and encourage youth to participate in the fishing sector; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Northwest Territories Tourism lobby all agencies involved in determining the fishing licenses for the Northwest Territories and request that they implement free fishing licenses for non-resident visitors that include anyone 65 years and older and anyone 16 years and younger.

Status: CLOSED

2012 A letter was sent with a copy of all resolutions was sent to the Minister of ITI, Minister of ENR, and the Premier's Office.

2013 NWT Tourism was informed by GNWT ITI that this particular resolution may be a detriment to and delay the process for validation of a one-day fishing license that has been a long-standing resolution for the association. In 2013, NWT Tourism reported to membership that that the one-day resolution may be finally ratified as soon as the 2014 fishing season. **NWT Tourism also advised membership that it had agreed that the one-day fishing license would take precedent, over this resolution as GNWT moved forward to obtain changes to the regulations with DFO.** At the 2013 AGM, however NWT Tourism advised membership that the resolution would continue to be pursued as endorsed by membership.

2014 Efforts to advance changes have remained focused on moving forward to support the establishment of the one day fishing license.

2015: There is no movement on this file. GNWT continues to advise it is focused on advancing the one-day fishing license.

2016: See update on Resolution 03-11-2011-AGM-10.

Motion 03-11-2011 AGM-10:

ESTABLISH A ONE DAY FISHING LICENSE

Moved by: Carlos Gonzalez

Seconded by: Summer Meyers

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

CARRIED.

WHEREAS a motion was made to reopen a resolution that was passed during the 2007 NWTT Annual General Meeting to establish a one-day fishing license; and

WHEREAS the current cost of a fishing license in the Northwest Territories is a minimum of \$30.00 for non-residents and \$15.00 for Canadian residents for a three-day license; and

WHEREAS the current cost of a fishing license deters business and leisure travelers to book short 4-6 hour fishing trips. They are not interested in purchasing the minimum three (3) day fishing license; and

WHEREAS it is extremely important, especially for the business and leisure travelers who are booking short 4-6 hours fishing trips, to have a one day fishing license. This would encourage more visitors to book short fishing trips with tour operators;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Northwest Territories Tourism lobby all agencies involved in determining the fishing licenses for the Northwest Territories and request that they implement a one-day fishing license.

Status: OPEN

Progress Report:

2013 Update: NWTT met with GNWT ENR Deputy Minister Ernie Campbell to discuss proposed changes in the Northwest Territories Fishery Regulations. GNWT ENR was in support of a one-day fishing license at \$10.00 per person for both Canadian Resident and Non-Resident. GNWT ENR was also proposing the doubling of all fishing fees. NWTT informed ENR that fishing sector has been in a steady decline and encouraged ENR to reconsider rate increases. These discussions resulted in GNWT ENR moving forward with a proposed \$60.00 fee for Non-Resident instead of GNWT ENR's proposed \$80.00. In 2013, NWT Tourism anticipated that the new fees would be enacted as early as the 2014-15 fishing season and reported this at the Annual General Meeting in Hay River.

2014 Update: Further discussions were held with GNWT and DFO regarding proposed changes to the NWT sport fishing licenses. In March 2014, Fisheries and Oceans received confirmation from GNWT ENR regarding GNWT's proposed amendments to the Northwest Territories Fishery Regulations. For clarity, Fisheries and Oceans manages the fisheries in NWT, however, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been delegated the administrative and regulatory mandate for the sport fishery since a 1976 Order in Council.

GNWT ENR submitted its proposed changes to the regulations to DFO prior to March 31, 2014 to ensure that these changes were put into DFO's 2014/15 work plan. The rates proposed by GNWT were as noted below.

| | NWT Resident | | Canadian Resident | | | Non-Resident | | |
|--|--------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| | Seasonal | Temporary | Seasonal | Temporary | Days | Seasonal | Temporary | Days |
| Current NWT Sport Fishing Fees | \$10.00 | N/A | \$20.00 | \$15.00 | 3 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 | 3 |
| Proposed NWT Sport Fishing Fees | \$20.00 | N/A | \$40.00 | \$10.00 \$30.00 | 1 3 | \$60.00 | \$10.00 \$30.00 | 1 3 |

Since the submission by GNWT ENR to DFO, DFO has advised ENR that because the proposed changes include increases to sport fishing licence fees and the creation of a 1-day sport fishing licence, this proposal will not only go through the regular 18 month to 2 year regulatory process, because the rate increases proposed by GNWT trigger requirements under the User Fee Act. NWT Tourism was made aware of this in November. The User Fee Act is a very comprehensive parliamentary process that follows a step by step approach, so NWT Tourism is now being advised by GNWT ENR that the timeline for the new one-day rate to be approved is difficult to predict. DFO has posted these proposed amendments on its Regulatory Forward Plan, which is a requirement of the Cabinet Directive on Regulatory Management.

GNWT ENR has advised NWT Tourism that they have reviewed and approved the wording of this posting. DFO is currently working with Treasury Board to determine the exact requirements for a process under the User Fee Act. A draft cost-benefit analysis has been completed along with other required forms. A large part of the User Fee Act process will include a public information campaign with stakeholders that may be impacted by the proposed fee changes. This campaign is the responsibility of the Government of NWT and while GNWT ENR says this is now the next step in the process, no timeline on this has been communicated to NWT Tourism. DFO is currently working with ENR to develop a public education plan to move this file forward. ENR and DFO meet monthly to discuss this file so that it continues to move forward.

NWT Tourism has been in dialogue regularly with GNWT ENR and periodically with to review progress on this file, but notes that with a federal election ahead, any proposed changes to federal legislation can fall off the table depending on election results.

2015 Update: In April 2015, NWTT met with representatives of ENR to discuss status of the communications plan which is required under the User Fee Act process to be implemented by GNWT regarding the proposed rate changes. GNWT advised they had identified a communications approach and method that would include a poster to be provided to NWT Tourism Information Centers, municipalities, fishing license vendors and fishing lodges, print advertisements in NWT Tourism publications, territorial and regional newspapers and magazines and a letter sent to all NWT Tourism operators, fishing lodge owners and fishing tour operators, along with information on their website. GNWT ENR was not able to confirm when the communication plan would be developed and implemented, and how a timeline for this would fit into the User Act Fee process and timelines for approval.

2015: NWTT followed up with GNWT ENR who advised that they have submitted their communications plan requirements to DFO, but they are now waiting for DFO to confirm the way forward. NWTT remains concerned that this will not have advanced at all by the time there is a federal election and that this will fall off the DFO work plan. It does not appear that advancing this change in licenses is a priority for GNWT or DFO. In September 2015 NWT Tourism wrote to DFO to seek clarification on where this is at. At the time of writing this report for the 2015 AGM, DFO had responded to suggest a meeting between NWTT, ENR and DFO be scheduled.

2016: NWTT held a teleconference with DFO and GNWT ENR to obtain clarity on the way forward, timeline and what is required by GNWT and/or DFO to move this forward. DFO advised that GNWT's submission was incomplete and that DFO was unable to advance this file to Treasury Board until GNWT ENR met the requirements. Agreed next steps were that DFO was to send GNWT ENR a note regarding what specifically DFO needed for the submission to be deemed completed. GNWT ENR was then to submit the application and confirm with NWTT when submitted and accepted by DFO. Once determined complete by DFO, DFO was to advise GNWT and NWTT of the timeline to advance the proposal through the User Fee Act Process. Multiple follow ups were made by NWTT in 2016 and there has been no response from GNWT. There appears to be no mandate or at DFO to move this forward. It is clear from discussions with DFO that advancing this will require federal consultation, given this involves the User Fee Act. In September, the Chairman wrote a letter to GNWT Minister of ENR and NWT Tourism is awaiting response to that letter. GNWT ITI continues to advocate within GNWT to move this forward and has included the requirement for a one-day fishing license in its recently approved Tourism 2020 Plan as a target to support visitor attraction and experience program targets.