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## WILDERNESS WORKING GROUP MINUTES MEETING

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**Date:** November 18, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – Noon  
**Location:** Teleconference

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**Present:** Stephanie Killam            Corrine Porter  
                  Juergen Puetter                Johnny Mikes  
                  Wayne Sawchuk                    Gavin Dirom

**Regrets:** David Luff

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### Meeting Materials:

In Perpetuity Document  
Wilderness Definition Document

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### 1. *Review and Approve Agenda*

Approved as drafted.

**2. *In Perpetuity Document Discussion:*** Document was prepared by David Luff to explore if there was a need to establish a baseline year to guide wilderness management strategies. The members concluded that a baseline year was not necessary and should, instead, on focusing on industrial footprints fading from the landscape as quickly as possible. The discussion led to the question of should there be a maximum time period that a footprint can endure and consensus on this matter was not reached. Some felt that “as soon as possible” was sufficient while others believed an enduring structure should have a maximum lifetime by when it must no longer persist on the landscape.

***ACTION: No further action required.***

**3. Detailed review and discussion regarding latest version of the definition document:** **Members** reviewed and tweaked, approved the majority of the document. Definition and wording in Section 5.11 were modified to focus positive socio-economic benefits on local and/or First Nations Communities versus the traditional balance between “...community, regional and provincial as a whole...” Two minor revisions remain to be made pending feedback from Wayne and Barry and then the document will be ready for sharing with UNBC (Pamela Wright and her grad student) and ministry officials to



support discussions leading to a “shared and common understanding of the definition”.

***ACTION: Phil to follow up with Barry and Wayne and incorporate their feedback into the definitions document. Phil to forward revised document for final review and comment from working group members and then share it with UNBC and ministry officials.***

**4. Strategic discussion on Ministry engagement:** This item was delayed to another meeting as several members had left the call and time had simply run out.

***ACTION: Phil to poll group for a new telecon date to discuss this specific item.***

**5. NEXT MEETING:** To be determined. Call ended at 12:00 PM