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From: Durst, Joad (MNR)
Sent: November 16, 2007 10:19 AM
To: Wallis, Rob (MNR); Selby, Craig (MNR)
Cc: Reynolds, Nick (MNR); Elliott, Dan (MNR)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

Lets not forget they are now hunting on Navy Island as part of an agreement with Parks Canada – if they are only looking for 10-12 more deer – they will get well more than that on the island this year.

Just a FYI.

Joad

From: Wallis, Rob (MNR)
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2007 10:07 AM
To: Jim Woods; Selby, Craig (MNR)
Cc: Reynolds, Nick (MNR); Elliott, Dan (MNR); Durst, Joad (MNR)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

I am available except for Thursday Nov. 22 when I am scheduled to attend a SR Aboriginal Forum in Peterborough.

I can be reached in Aylmer at 519-773-4718 as of Monday, Nov. 19.

Rob Wallis

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From: Jim Woods [mailto:jwoods@grandriver.ca]
Sent: November 16, 2007 8:38 AM
To: Selby, Craig (MNR)
Cc: Wallis, Rob (MNR); Reynolds, Nick (MNR)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

Craig, I will do that, I believe Paul is at Latornell Conference this week, so I will try to set something up early next week. Jim

From: Selby, Craig (MNR) [mailto:craig.selby@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 5:09 PM
To: Jim Woods
Cc: Wallis, Rob (MNR); Reynolds, Nick (MNR)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

Hi Jim I actually left a message with Paul Emerson today asking for some background since Nick Reynolds had a voice message to call a Paul Williams from Six Nations. Perhaps we (MNR/GRCA) have a quick telecom asap. Can you arrange it from your end. I have some thoughts on the subject as well.

From: Jim Woods [mailto:jwoods@grandriver.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 9:59 AM
To: Selby, Craig (MNR)
Cc: Wallis, Rob (MNR)
Subject: FW: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

Craig, I spoke with Rob today regarding our meeting with members of the Six Nations Confederacy, regarding hunting deer outside the reservation lands to support their Long House winter ceremonial needs. The information about the meeting is below. They would like a follow up meeting with MNR representation.

Jim

From: Jim Woods
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 10:43 AM
To: Paul Emerson; Keith Murch
Cc: Tom Smith
Subject: Meeting with Six Nations Confederacy Representatives re: Hunting

- Tom Smith and I met with 4 representatives from the Six Nations Confederacy at their request on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 to discuss hunting issues.
- Chester Gibson was the meeting organizer and is an educator with the Six Nations and also a representative for their Long House Ceremonial events.
- Brian Sky, who recorded minutes of our meeting, sits on a number of Six Nations sub committees
- there was also two young native boys, who were invited along as observers, with one giving a native welcome prior to the start of the meeting and also a closure, prior to the end of the meeting.
- Chester said he had spoken with Leroy Hill, a Sub Chief prior to contacting me, for permission to open discussions with the GRCA on hunting issues pertaining to their Long House Ceremonial needs.
- he said up until 15 years ago they met regularly with MNR staff to establish hunting rights and protocol on reclamation lands
- they have recently spoken with MNR in Peterborough regarding reestablishing a protocol agreement and it was suggested to them, that they contact our office as well regarding hunting.
- Chester wanted to assure us that Six Nations was moving towards recreational hunting as opposed to hunting as a food source, but that they do require approximately 20 deer annually for their Long House Ceremonial functions
- they claim deer populations over the years on reservation lands have diminished leaving them 10 - 12 deer short of their ceremonial requirements and they have had to fulfill their needs with cattle.
- they claim, they are continually harrassed and charged by O.P.P. when they attempt to hunt outside the reservation and are looking for co operation from the GRCA to provide places for them to hunt to harvest the numbers of deer they require for their ceremonies, without conflict.
- they are looking for isolated hunting lands, that are not currently open to our regular hunters, and are willing to travel, anywhere in the watershed, as long as they can avoid harrassment and charges.

- they said they would provide us with the names of 8 - 10 native hunters who would be designated by Six Nations to harvest the additional 10 - 12 deer required for their winter ceremonies.
- they currently have winter ceremonies at 3 long houses, hosting between 1500 - 2000 natives each and the popularity of these events is increasing.
- they would like us to discuss potential hunting areas with our terrestrial staff to see if we could provide properties with over abundant deer populations.
- they would only hunt by traditional methods of bow
- they asked if we would discuss these requests inhouse and set up another meeting in the near future, with MNR representation, and possibly Paul General to update them on our findings.
- Chester said the best way to contact him is by e-mail, but if we wished to talk directly with the Confederacy Office, we should contact Sue Jacobs at (905) 765 - 1749
- I spoke with Rob Messier, later in the afternoon, who told me the new Native Liaison Officer for Guelph and Aylmer Districts of MNR is Rob Wallis, who will be officially taking over this position on Nov. 19th. and would be a good MNR representative at our next meeting
- Chester did mention that they are currently working on 27 land claims with the Province, with number 25 being the entire river bed of the Grand River and another one being a 2000 + acre claim South / East of Dunnville by the Welland Canal
- he also said that pre existing treaties allowed natives to hunt in all of South Western Ontario
- he suggested on several occasions that our mandate and theirs were very similar with regards to our work with the river, forests and wildlife and that they see a real opportunity for us to work closer together.

Jim

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