

# Meeting of the Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Advisory Board

Hotel Korpikartano in Menesjärvi, Finland September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

## 1. Opening

Pertti Itkonen opened the meeting of the advisory board at 9.05. am, and welcomed the participants. Päivi Lundvall from Centre of Economic Development, Transport and the Environment has sent her greetings.

## 2. Selection of the chairman and secretary

Pertti Itkonen was selected to be the chair, Riina Tervo the secretary.

The presence of quorum in the following

Finland:

Pertti Itkonen, Pirjo Seurujärvi, Tapio Tynys, Pirjo Rautiainen and Riina Tervo from Metsähallitus.

Absent: Inari municipality and Centre of Economic Development, Transport and the Environment

Norway:

Bente Christiansen, Tiia Kalske and Johannes Abildsnes from County Governor of Finnmark

Espen Aarnes from Bioforsk Svanhovd

Absent: Sør-Varanger municipality

Russia:

Vladimir Chizov, Marina Trusova and Natalia Polikarpova from Pasvik zapovednik  
Viktor Kiriushkin from Nickel Administration

Absent: Pechenga district and the Regional Committee of the Nature Resources and Environmental Affairs in Murmansk region

Anne Sikanen, interpreter

As Pechenga district has not been attending they will be informed that they membership is not valid anymore. It was suggested to have two named members (main and vice) for each organisation and update the contact list. Finland starts the initiative.

## 3. Adoption of agenda

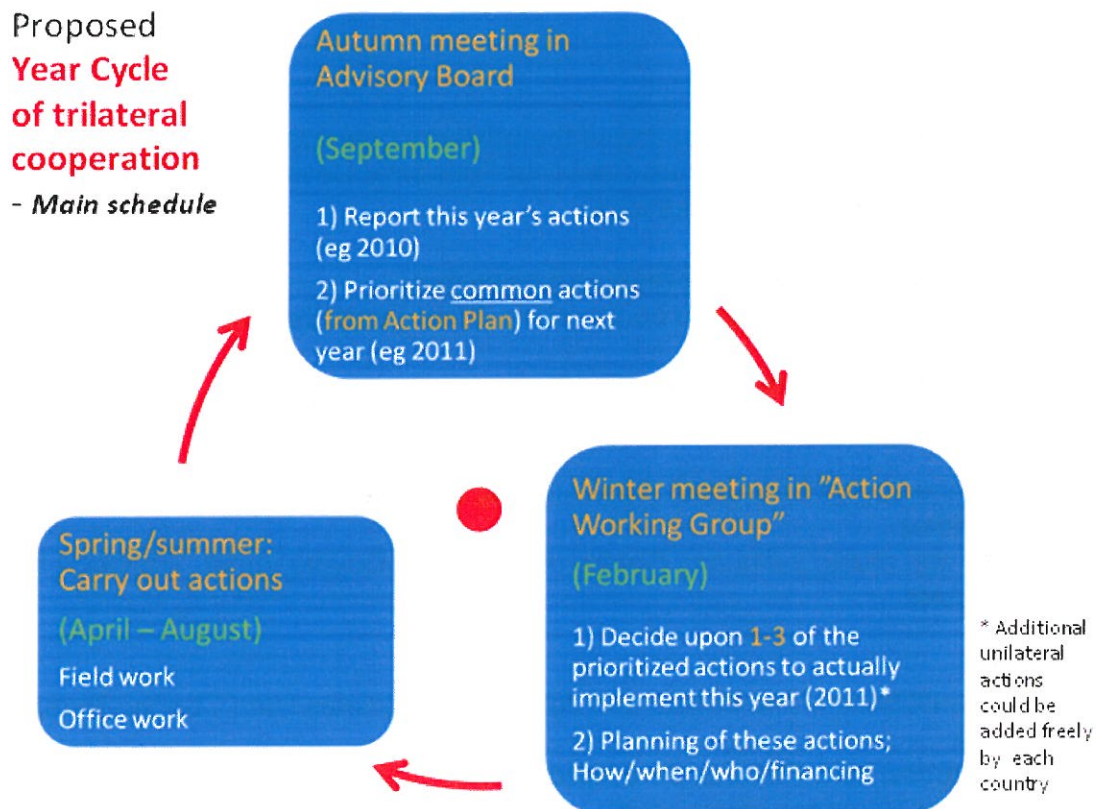
Agenda was accepted, issues can be added later in miscellaneous.

## 4. Signing of the protocol of the previous meeting

The discussion and comments have been taken care of by e-mail. Protocol was signed by Tiia Kalske, Marina Trusova and Pertti Itkonen.

## 5. Organisation and structure of the trilateral work, Bente Christiansen

There was a suggestion for more effective way for cooperation prepared in Norway. It consists of annual cycle where the main schedule is formed by the autumn meeting of advisory board and meetings of action working group (see picture below).



Advisory board receives report of current year's accomplished actions from action working group and prioritizes common actions from the action plan for next year in its autumn meeting. Action working group decides on one to three actions per year for implementing and plans and takes care of the process from financing to accomplishment. According then to the current year's budgeted the actions are prioritised and ongoing projects are taken into consideration.

It was agreed to work according to this structure from today on, and after few years analyze the structure and outcome.

## 6. Action Plan

### a. Fulfilment of actions in 2010

Norway: Brown bear monitoring (hair snares) was prioritised for 2010, but not accomplished because all three countries finances have to harmonise, so that implementation can take place in all three countries at the same time and in the same manner. The work for unifying red list has started. The work with restoring the roof of Ellenkoja cabin has started and information posts revision in Övre-Pasvik national park along the first part of Piilola wilderness trail is also in process. The internal web pages are updated continuously. Norway has taken part in the ENPI-project planning. Bird



watching was also arranged in Norway 5th June in Pasvik area. Norwegian-Russian annual bird countings have been implemented.

Russia: The trilateral skiing-team took part in Barents Ski in March 2010. Children were participating in the bird watching trip in June. There was a seminar in Svanhovd over Varlam Island and brochure of the island was made. Annual counting of water birds was made. Second edition from red list of Murmansk area will come out in 2013 and the renewing of the species list in Pasvik zapovednik has been made. There has been cooperation within the European Green Belt.

Finland: International bird trip was arranged in June. The information boards of logging history will be ready in the autumn in Nellim. The results from the nesting of the golden eagle have been collected and inventory over new nests has been made. No actions were made in brown bear monitoring. The work on red list will start only next year in Finland.

It was agreed that trilateral and national actions can be listed into the action plan to show and be reminded of the several actions accomplished and worked upon.

b. Priority actions for the year 2011: main themes and responsibilities

The work continues with the accepted list:

1. Common red list: List is compiled from the national lists and databases or regional lists combined together. Russia will coordinate.

2. Long-term monitoring of brown bear: Action requires money and personnel, therefore there will be a meeting in Svanhovd in November-December to plan the next year's project and funding for it. Norway will coordinate. FI: might get it next year, there was none for 2010; RU: national money is being tried to get; money should be applied from outside; national work and as a project from outside (North Calotte Environment Council, Nordic Council of Ministers/ Nordiska ministerirådet admits money and appealing to memorandum of understanding and Green Belt, which Pertti does); Note: we have to show trilateral actions in monitoring too in recertification in 2013.

3. Pilot tour: There is the problem with border crossing. Decision was made to contact Finnish and Russian authorities with a letter showing the economical effect and benefit (knowledge provided from Finland); It was decided to present our issue in the municipality-level meeting. Accomplishment of the pilot tour will be made in steps, and suggestion was made to make a trilateral PR trip, where borders are crossed in the official crossing points. Finland and Russia will coordinate this action and responsible persons will be Pirjo Seurujärvi and Vladimir Chizov.

ENPI-planning was pointed as an important action.

The members of the action working group were decided: Tiia Kalske and Johannes Abildsnes from Norway, Natalia Polikarpova from Russia and Riina Tervo from Finland.

d. Updating the action plan: amendments

- i. We will continue with the existing list of actions, and action working group will prepare the amendments.

- e. Monitoring: Common water bird registration was made in Norway and Russia in the spring and in the autumn. It was suggested to compile trilateral report from three last year which Bioforsk will coordinate. Brown

bear faeces are collected from Pasvik and analysed in the national monitoring programme.

- f. Dissemination: Updating of contact information and web-pages
  - i. It was agreed to create a list of the active members and participants of the meetings and their contact information.
  - ii. Webpages. The news and updating on pasvik-inari.net are sent from Finland for comments and translations to Norway and Russia. Tiia Kalske updates the intranet under County Governor of Finnmark's homepages. All monitoring reports are welcome.

### **7. Report from the nature tourism group**

It was noted that the nature tourism group was reorganised and in the future tourist companies are invited as experts to action working group. Each country informs politely for the new arrangement.

### **8. Cooperation with Oulanka-Paanajärvi Transboundary Park and TransParcNet**

- a. It was agreed to intensify the networking and get together with Oulanka-Paanajärvi national park for exchange and discussion f. ex. in Kuusamo next year. There is the European Green Belt Conference in Kuhmo in October, where Pasvik-Inari staff will meet the personnel from Oulanka-Paanajärvi and plan cooperation.
- b. TransParcNet: Second meeting of the TransParcNet was held Neusiedler See-Fertö Hansag National Park in Austria and Hungary in April 2010. It is a young network, but solid outcomes and good social networking can be expected in the future. There is already a brochure on best practices made. Next meeting will be in Krkonoše-Karkonosze National Park in Czech and Poland in May-June 2011. It would be important, that Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park would be present trilaterally there.

### **9. Miscellaneous**

- a. Pertti Itkonen's draft for the leaders of Work Packages and actions in ENPI-project was delivered. Discussion will continue by e-mail.
- b. There is a request on poster and abstract for Green Belt –seminar in Kuhmo by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Tiia will find out details and coordinate.
- c. There are plans to reorganise the management of national parks from County Governors to municipalities in Norway. Sør-Varanger municipality is interested in taking the responsibility. The process will be long and the coming change big, if it should take place.

### **10. Date and place for the next meeting of the trilateral advisory board**

The next meeting will take place in Finnmark, Norway, Suggested dates were August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Very beautiful landscape photographs from the coast of the Arctic Ocean by Bjarne Riesto were shown as an appetizer.

### **11. Ending**

The meeting of the trilateral advisory board was closed at 12.05 am.





*Jens Paav*



*Тимо Иванов*



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