

Minutes from Pasvik-Inari Advisory Board Meeting

Date: 9 September 2021, virtual meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Time: 13-17 (Russian time)

1. Opening of the meeting and presentation of participants.

The meeting was opened by Natalia Polikarpova, the participants presented themselves.

2. Selection of chair and secretary.

Natalia Polikarpova was elected a chair, Alexandra Sinyak – a secretary of the meeting.

3. Recall on the signed meeting minutes from 2020 and adoption of the agenda of 2021.

All the participants have in advance signed the minutes of the last year meeting, no questions there. The agenda of 2021 meeting was adopted, noted that Rolf Kollstrøm speaks for Tiia Kalske,.

4. Important information and status from all partners (5 minutes each organization).

Pirjo Seurujärvi updated information on Metsähallitus – increase of visitors in National Parks, campaign of outdoor etiquette by Anna Pakkanen, Plan for managing natural resources on the state-owned land in the Sámi home area in Finland is being conducted through participatory planning, updated management and use plan for Vätsäri is ready.

Lisa Bjørnsdatter Helgason updated information from the Troms and Finnmark County Governor – changes in structure, the organization adopted a new Norwegian name of Statsforvalteren (NB new logo), two different international seminars are planned this year (project zero and pink salmon).

Rolf Kollstrøm updated information from Øvre Pasvik National Park Board – cooperation and training with new border guards, waterfall protection system, The Border Guards will from now on be less present in the large boats in the protected area which will cause good effect. Reindeer problems were discussed, paddling and canoeing regulations in National Park.

Natalia Polikarpova updated information from Pasvik Zapovednik – new director in PNR, changes in Murmansk Ministry and Federal Ministry.

Vladimir Chizhov updated information on Center for social projects of Pechenga region "Second School" – the organization is working together with administration with the financial support of Norilsk Nickel for the benefit of local people, eager to participate in trilateral cooperation.

Tatjana Bazanova updated information on Pechenga Municipal District – new head of administration, Pechenga region became one joint Municipality, new social-economy programme adopted, closure of Nickel Smelter.

Ruslan Shapiev updated information on Directorate for specially protected nature territories of regional importance of Murmansk region – the Directorate was granted the authority to manage regional protected areas by the Ministry of nature resources, ecology and fishery of Murmansk region in 2020, the main goals of the Directorate are to protect northern ecosystems and to develop tourist infrastructure.

5. Fulfilling of the given targets in 2020–2021: report from the working group.

a. Management: finalizing staff exchange programme.

Rolf Kollstrøm: Bente Christiansen and Tiia Kalske were working on the programme, the document is nearly finished, it was shared with the partners before the meeting, the inputs from the Finnish side were approved, decided that each year the organization in the list (see the Programme) may receive an internship.



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b. Monitoring activities: waterfowl registrations, golden eagle and Lake Inari bird survey, bird ringing, visitors' numbers 2020.

Natalia Polikarpova/Riina Tervo/ Rolf Kollstrøm: **waterfowl registration:** Russian side conducted four registrations all-together with Norwegian side – two in Spring 26 May (1419 ind/38 sp), 2 June (694 ind/29 sp) and two in Autumn 13 August (100 ind/8 sp), 1 September (601 ind/16 sp) and summer duckling counting 13 July (161 ind/13 sp). Norwegian side had duckling counting 1 August. **Golden Eagle:** 13 breeding's found on Finnish side, one individual registered on Russian side, Norwegian side Incomplete follow-up but two possible breeding's. **Lake Inari bird survey** – 137 species, 7 endangered, 10 vulnerable, 28 near threatened. **Bird ringing** - Norwegian side: event 21 August – 5 September at Nyrud in Pasvik NR and a new locality at Skrøytnes, NIBIO Svanhovd offers bird ringing activities to the local schools, Finnish side: volunteering ornithologists are ringing birds at Mellanaapa, Ivalo 15 August – 15 September, Russian side: 28 July – 11 August at Varlam Island ringing station more 200/12 species. The bird ringing joint database will be updated till the end of 2021. **Number of visitors** decreased due to covid-19, but number of on-line events increased (Pasvik Zapovednik).

c. Enlightenment activities: trilateral bird watching trips and ornithological festival on Varlam Island, events on 50-years of Ramsar Convention, meeting with ornithologists (suggested in protocol of WG), Korablekk Natural park activities, other issues.

Alexandra Sinyak/Kirsi Ukkonen/Anne Wikan: in Norway on 4 June was held a bird watching trip for locals - 24 participants observed 192 birds of totally 50 species, Family day in Svanhovd on 29 August was a great success with 220 participants enjoying nature dissemination adapted for children, quiz and a dance show focusing on the forest, 25-minutes Trilateral Park film was popular among visitors; in Russia on 6-7 June Pasvik Zapovednik held bird watching days, also social media event together with Finnish partners was announced, on 4 September was held 3rd Ornithological Festival for locals – guests had lectures about birds and watched a show on ornithological tower, the event concluded with counting birds, in April Pasvik Zapovednik held an on-line eco-week; Finland encouraged people to make bird trips on their own - tips were provided in social media together with Pasvik Zapovednik.

d. Dissemination of information: presentations, articles, videos, social media, webpages and photo exhibition, Instagram pilot.

Alexandra Sinyak/Kirsi Ukkonen/Natalia Polikarpova: three countries had presentations on trilateral cooperation during different meetings like meetings with authorities, locals, volunteers, school children. Articles and news were updated on official web-pages of organizations, social media (VK, facebook) and local mass media, also a huge video report about Trilateral Park was made by TV-21 company (Murmansk) (for publications screenshots and numbers see working group report). Also several scientific works were published: Vascular plants of the Pasvik Strict Nature Reserve and adjacent parts of the Murmansk region (was presented on-line in December 2020 by PZ); Chronicles of nature calendar, a long-term and large-scale multitaxon database on phenology; Dendrochronological dating of cultural traces/Sami bark takings in pine in Øvre Pasvik; Genetic changes caused by restocking and hydroelectric dams in demographically bottlenecked brown trout in a transnational subarctic riverine system; Studying phenological phenomena in subarctic biomes with international school pupils as citizen scientists. Travelling exhibitions – Norway: GBF Exhibition; Ramsalten våtmarkssenter Nordland and Fjordmuseet Balsfjorden Troms, Russia: exhibition from 2020 was decided to prolong for another year in Libraries of the Pechenga district, Finland: exhibition in Sámi Educational Institute, village of Inari.

e. EUROPARC: TransParcNet 2021, Europarc Annual conference.

Riina Tervo/Kirsi Ukkonen: re-evaluation report needed to be taken into consideration, there were 5 topics to be fulfilled – 2 of them are already done: update trilateral cooperation agreement from 2008 and, guiding rules of cooperation, 3 are still needed to be done: Lake Inari Management plan, Ramsar status of Pasvik Zapovednik and participation of indigenous peoples in the Advisory Board. Information

about trilateral Action plan and Annual cycle is published at Europarc's website, information on waterfowl monitoring is planned to be published. Results of TransParkNet meeting – to take into consideration the necessity of presenting Transboundary Parks-programme on the websites of protected areas (links, logo) and of transboundary cooperation. Also, representatives of Task Force and Communication Work Groups were elected. Online Annual Conference 2021 is planned for October 6-7, theme: "Parks in the Spotlight – Powered by People, Inspired by Nature".

f. Implementation of ENI Kolarctic –projects: MUP and CoASal (Lisa), PAN (Riina) and SALMUS (Natalia), ReArc (Natalia), micro-project Aurora (Alexandra).

Lisa Bjørnsdatter Helgason/Natalia Polikarpova/Riina Tervo/Alexandra Sinyak: **MUP** - hearing of the plan document was conducted during spring 2021, the final version of the plan document has been approved by the partners and the project steering group at the end of August 2021, the document has been translated from English to Russian, Norwegian and Finnish - it will be produced and printed with the same lay out for all versions by the end of September; Russian, Norwegian and Finnish authorities will annually evaluate and follow up the Programme of Measures of the Multi-Use Plan. **CoASal** – the project goes as planned, laboratory works, coastal and in-river samplings are in progress, reporting and payments are under way, temporary photo exhibition is under work. **PAN** – the project goes well, though there are some postponed events, more web-events and some delays in tendering processes because of COVID-19, planned seminars on sustainable tourism in Apatity in October-November 2021 and for networking visitor centres in Nikel in March 2022, making of av-show is in progress. **ReArc** – in progress mapping of water plant communities, bird species, ichthyological studies, erosion of the rivers, HEP and logging impacts etc. Vuorjema river: 2021 – June, August, 2 expeditions were done, and one is planned in September. Pasvik river: 2021 - June-September, 3 big expeditions done, in April 2021 there were held on-line lectures for students from St-Petersburg, making video about each river – in progress. **Aurora** – in August one observation camera was installed in Rajakoski, broadcasting on web-site of Polar Geophysical Institute, planned to have a link on PZ web-page, two cameras will be installed in Norway and Finland soon.

6. New targets for 2022 – suggestions (action number in joint action plan).

- a. **Management:** decided to adopt and start staff exchange programme in 2022 if covid restrictions will allow it.
- b. **Monitoring:** decided to keep on-going annual activities: waterfowl registration, bird ringing, visitors survey; international seminar on CMTs will be postponed to 2022, other activities will be held as usual, dates on registration will be planned in Autumn, the border commissariat needs to be informed. start planning brown bear monitoring for year 2023
- c. **Enlightenment and dissemination activities:** decided to continue on-going annual activities like trilateral bird watching trip, travelling photo exhibition; reporting on visitor numbers, pay attention to Day of Parks 2022, focus on publishing news on joint trilateral Instagram site, because this is a very effective instrument during pandemic restrictions, focus on on-line events, think about sharing the link for Aurora live camera on trilateral web-site.
- d. **EUROPARC -cooperation:** decided to focus on full-filling in recommendations by verifier, to start preparing for next year documents application for Europarc re-verification in 2023,
- e. **Kolarctic Projects: MUP** - finishing in 2021 (working with programme of measures – meeting planned every year), **CoASal** – ends in September 2022, **PAN** – prolonged till August 2022, **ReArc** – next year finishing and exchanging the results, **SALMUS** - prolonged till 2022, **Aurora** – finishing in 2022.
- f. **Applications for new Kolarctic CBC Programme 2021-2027.**

All: Norway plans to have Zero project, devoted to monitor the restoration of nature after the closure of Nikel Smelter (will be discussed in November during the seminar), Finland is keen to plan a



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common project, Russia suggests to plan common brown bear monitoring project. **Decided** to plan a separate meeting on new projects.

7. Other items:

Riina Tervo/ Kirsi Ukkonen/Anne Wikan/Alexandra Sinyak: **Arctic Fox project** – partners: Sweden, Norway, Finland, main goal – to increase the population of arctic fox, next winter discussion between 4 countries is planned. **Moose project** – counting's took place in winter December-February by Norwegian side, samples were taken from hunters and DNA analysis was made, on Russian side there were installed wildlife camera "traps" for moose. **Renewal and extension of Siida** - Sámi Museum and Northern Lapland Nature Center - extension phase is done, renovation phase is planned till 31.03.2022, reopening is planned on 1.04.2022, homecoming jubilee (for Sami artifacts) is planned for 9th September 2021, concept of the exhibition – interpret the layers of the landscape and to share understanding of the Sami cultural environment (6 languages, 3 Sami languages), the exhibition is planned to be easy to update. **30-year Jubilee** is planned next year in Pasvik Nature Reserve (Russia) - suggestion to prepare joint presentation. Social projects of Pasvik Zapovednik – touristic trails (Shuonijoki Waterfall and Cedar Forest) and Plastic Souvenir.

8. Next meeting: date and venue 23-25.08.2022 in Finland/ face-to face of on-line.

9. Closing the meeting.

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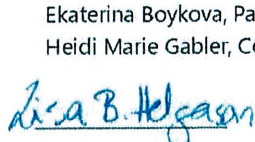
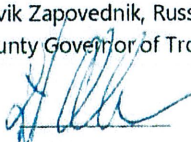
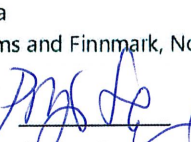
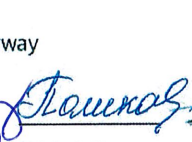
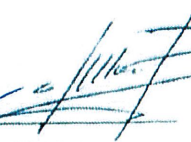
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