

## MEETING MINUTES

### Manitoba Protected Areas Initiative Petroleum Working Committee

September 8, 2006  
(10:30 am to 12:00 pm CST)  
Teleconference

**Attendees:** Yvonne Beaubien, Manager, Protected Areas Initiative  
Brad Bakuska, New Midland Petroleum Ltd.  
Dan Barchyn, Lodgepole Energy Corp.  
John Falck, Enerplus Resources Fund  
Helios Hernandez, Parks and Natural Areas Branch  
Carol Martiniuk, Coordinator, Petroleum Branch  
Michelle Nicolas, Petroleum Branch  
Elvira Roberge, Protected Areas Initiative  
Brad Thiessen, Tundra Oil & Gas Limited  
Karen Webster, Enerplus Resources Fund

**Absent:** Steve Halabura, North Rim Exploration Ltd.  
Harvey Young, Brandon University

#### Agenda:

##### 1. Introductions (Carol Martiniuk).

- Advised Petroleum Working Committee (PWC) that activities of the Committee are now available on the Petroleum Branch web site at [www.gov.mb.ca/iedm/petroleum/pai/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/iedm/petroleum/pai/index.html) , with a link to the Manitoba Conservation's Protected Areas Initiative web site at [www.manitobaprotectedareas.com](http://www.manitobaprotectedareas.com)
- The Petroleum Branch web site includes:
  - Statement of the Committee's mandate and brief description of Manitoba's Protected Areas Initiative.
  - Committee members and contact information.
  - Current protected area proposals and maps provided to the PWC for technical evaluation and the Committee's recommendations.
  - PWC past evaluations and recommendations on provincial parks and wildlife management areas proposed for protection.
  - Direct email link to Carol Martiniuk to permit industry to comment on the "areas proposed for protection".

##### 2. Review/discussion of the committee's evaluation of the following lands proposed for protection (Michelle Nicolas/Committee):

- Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)
- Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)
- The DUC and NCC lands proposed for protection and evaluation by the Petroleum Working Committee have been previously evaluated by the PAI and the Mining Exploration Liaison Committee (MELC) with respect to mineral potential. Any lands with underlying freehold mineral ownership were not considered by the Mining sector review process for protected status.

- The Petroleum Branch has reviewed the DUC and NCC lands. Any lands under existing Crown oil and gas lease ownership were excluded.

The following ranking categories were used by the Committee to evaluate the areas proposed for protection:

***Category Ranking:***

1. Unknown Potential (available for Protected Area status)
2. Limited Potential (exploration area; conceptual play area)
3. Good Potential (development area)
4. Excellent Potential (existing producing area)

**3. Recommendations for Protected Status for all candidate sites (Committee).**

- Based on its evaluation review, the Committee agreed to recommendations for all candidate sites (see attached listing).
- Helios Hernandez advised that the Petroleum Branch and Manitoba Conservation have a long standing established review process for land sales which identifies areas that require a development plan for surface access, such as Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), and that such areas be recognized in the PWC's evaluation of candidate sites. In this evaluation review, the PWC agreed to identify the candidate sites in the Oak Lake area.
- The PWC's recommendations will be forwarded by the Petroleum Branch to Manitoba Conservation, as part of the Protected Areas Initiative's consultation and sector review process.

**4. Schedule for next review.**

- Yvonne Beaubien advised that it is anticipated that the PWC will be required to conduct future evaluations of lands proposed for protection every six to twelve months, unless otherwise advised by Manitoba Conservation.
- Yvonne Beaubien also advised that areas within and linking the Duck Mountain, Turtle Mountain, Riding Mountain and Porcupine Hills areas are of continued interest by the Protected Areas Initiative for preservation. DUC and NCC lands are also under continuous review for consideration as protected areas.

**5. Open discussion.**

- Karen Webster requested that the Petroleum Branch group future candidate sites by geologic setting and area, to simplify the evaluation process.
- As requested by Yvonne Beaubien and Helios Hernandez, the Petroleum Branch will provide Manitoba Conservation with the Drilling and Production Regulation set back distances for well sites, etc. This information will assist the Protected Areas Initiative in identifying petroleum restricted areas that could become protected areas.

**Closing Remarks (Carol Martiniuk)**

- The minutes of Committee meetings to be circulated to all members by Carol Martiniuk and made available on the Petroleum Branch web site.
- Next meeting to be determined by Manitoba Conservation.

Prepared by: C. Martiniuk (September 11, 2006)

**Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) Lands**

**Petroleum Working Committee Evaluations and Recommendations (September 8, 2006)**

Evaluation Group	RM	QTR	SEC	TWP	RGE	MER	Land	Final Ranking	Comments	Area (ha)
A	Louise	SE	06	001	10	W1	DUC	2		64
A	Louise	SW	06	001	10	W1	DUC	2		64
B	Roblin	SE	11	001	14	W1	DUC	2		64
B	Roblin	SW	30	001	15	W1	DUC	2		64
B	Turtle Mountain	SE	02		16	W1	DUC	2		64
C	Roblin	NE	13	002	14	W1	DUC	2		64
C	Strathcona	NE	06	005	15	W1	DUC	2		64
C	Strathcona	SE	34	005	15	W1	DUC	2		64
C	Strathcona	SE	24	005	16	W1	DUC	2		64
C	Argyle	SW	35	006	14	W1	DUC	2		64
D	Sifton	NE	32	007	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	NW	03	008	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	SW	03	008	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	NW	04	008	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	SW	05	008	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	SE	05	008	24	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
D	Sifton	SW	01	008	25	W1	DUC	3	Oak Lake Area - development plan required	64
E	Sifton	N½ SE	14	009	23	W1	DUC	2		32
E	Whitehead	SE	11	010	21	W1	DUC	2		64
E	Whitehead	SW	12	010	22	W1	DUC	2		64
F	Daly	SE	26	012	20	W1	DUC	2		64
F	Odanah	SW	28	014	17	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Odanah	SW	23	014	18	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Minto	SW	28	015	17	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Minto	SW	29	015	17	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Minto	NE	16	015	18	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Saskatchewan	S½ of	16	015	19	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	32
F	Clanwilliam	SW	09	017	18	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Clanwilliam	NW	17	017	18	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Harrison	SE	24	017	20	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Shoal Lake	SE	27	017	23	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Harrison	SE	03	018	19	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Harrison	SE	13	018	20	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Strathclair	NW	12	018	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Strathclair	NE	12	018	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Strathclair	SW	20	018	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Strathclair	NW	29	018	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Strathclair	SW	29	018	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Shoal Lake	NW	30	018	24	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Park (south)	SE	12	019	21	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Park (south)	SW	13	019	22	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Rosburn	W½ of	31	019	23	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	32
F	Rosburn	W½ of	31	019	23	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	32
F	Rosburn	SW	16	020	24	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Rosburn	NW	30	021	24	W1	NCC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Rosburn	SW	30	021	24	W1	NCC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Rosburn	SE	36	021	25	W1	NCC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
F	Dauphin	NE	36	023	18	W1	NCC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
G	Lakeview	NW	17	017	10	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
G	Glenella	NE	01	018	11	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
G	Glenella	NW	01	018	11	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
G	Glenella	E½ of	02	018	11	W1	DUC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	32
H	Dauphin	SE	36	023	18	W1	NCC	1	available for "Protected Area" status	64
I	Cornwallis	NW	36	010	17	W1	NCC	2		64

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**Total Area: 3296 ha**  
**Area Available for "Protected Status": 1920 ha (58%)**