

Borderlands Co-op
 Summary of Action Items: 8th Annual Gathering
 Whitehorse, March 2003

Action Items	Notes
<p>Information Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize information on human health effects of contaminants, especially for eating caribou. Consider having a workshop on contaminants. • Why did lots of caribou die off last fall in Arctic Village? • Need information about emerging wildlife diseases. Summarize information on West Nile Virus. 	
<p>Administrative Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op needs full-time coordinator • Write up an Information Protocol for the Co-op and have it reviewed by the Co-op Directors • Have a Board meeting • Have a meeting to specifically discuss the Co-op budget and how to access money to provide continuity for the Co-op in the event of changing priorities in contributing organizations 	
<p>Communication / Products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add copyright/ ownership/ reference information to Co-op products. Add an information request form. • Collect and use photos of people out on the land in Co-op reports • Develop a photo library for the Co-op. Ensure photos are attributed. • Produce a CD-ROM summarizing information from community monitoring and/or other results from Co-op programs • Add pictures/ maps and a summary of each community (what the land is like, where people go to hunt) to the monitoring reports • Use photos of people from each community in posters • Have a public meeting in communities to tell people what the Co-op is all about • Consider producing short, specific videos about results from Co-op programs. Have someone from the communities do the introduction to the 	

<p>Co-op</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce dominance of government people in co-op presentations • Add some Elders stories about how things were in the past to reports • Consider producing a Co-op calendar or newsletter summarizing results from programs 	
<p>Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people record detailed observations day by day, can we start this? • Need a longer period for the interviews – allow more time • Have some bird, plant and insect identification material available at the interviews (what to look out for) and maybe a presentation at the Gathering • Ask people in interviews if they would like their name/photo included in the community monitoring reports • Include some comparison with the previous year in the community monitoring reports 	
<p>Other Community Interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth: bring students to meetings • Co-ordinate with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami on climate monitoring and youth mentoring (Aklavik and Inuvik) • Try to get leaders from community organizations to attend Co-op Gathering 	
<p>Indicators to Explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permafrost – explore as an ongoing indicator • Willows – growth rates and expansion • Wind – gather data from weather stations on speed, timing and wind direction • Water levels – particularly spring river levels, through Canada Water Survey • Timing of arrival of insects and animals and plant flowering • Visitor numbers – add indicator for ANWR and Vuntut Park • Oil and gas activity in the Delta – gather info from studies • Greenhouse gas emissions from communities – through bulk fuel sales and diesel sales records 	