

# National Conservation Council

Executive Preparatory Workgroup

24 February 2015, 2pm, GAB 1038

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Attendees, Apologies, Quorum
  - b. Declaration of Interests
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 3 December 2014
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. New Business
  - a. WP-01 Change of Meeting Dates
  - b. WP-02 Decisions Supporting Implementation
  - c. WP-03 Delegation of Conservation Plan Creation
  - d. WP-04 Section 16(2) Petition
5. Any Other Business
  - a. Invasive Species Committee Report
6. Next Meeting
  - a. 26 May 2015, GAB 1038, 2pm
7. Adjournment

## Attendance Appendix

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>24 Feb 2015</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Christine Rose-Smyth		Chairperson; Bodden Town, Plants, Terrestrial & Marine Biodiversity
Davy Ebanks		West Bay and Marine Conservation
Lisa Hurlston-McKenzie		George Town and Sustainable Development & Climate Change
McFarlane Conolly		East End and Sustainable Development
		North Side
Wallace Platts		Sister Islands and Terrestrial Biodiversity
Christina Pineda		National Trust for the Cayman Islands
Patricia Bradley		Avifauna & Biodiversity
Fred Burton		Terrestrial Biodiversity
Adrian Estwick		Director of Agriculture
Haroon Pandohie		Director of Planning
Gina Ebanks-Petrie		Director of Environment
Timothy Austin		DoE Deputy, Research
John Bothwell		Secretary

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### Working Paper 01 – Change of Meeting Dates

#### **PRELIMINARY**

- (i) At its December 2014 meeting the Council decided the dates of its quarterly General Meetings. Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- (ii) It has transpired that GAB 1038 is unavailable on the relevant dates.

#### **MOTION**

- (i) That the Council appoint the following as its General Meeting dates for 2015:
  - a. Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>;
  - b. Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>;
  - c. Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>;
  - d. Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>;at 2pm each day in room 1038 of the Government Administration Building, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Proposer:

Seconder:

WP-02 Decisions Supporting Implementation

National Conservation Council

Working Paper 02 - Decisions Supporting Implementation

**PRELIMINARY**

- (i) The National Conservation Law (2013) is being implemented in stages, Parts 1 and 2 (Sections 1-6) having been commenced in September 2014.
- (ii) Part 3 of the Law will come in to force on such date as may be appointed by Cabinet.
- (iii) In order for Part 3, Conservation of Land, to function efficiently the National Conservation Council should have certain processes in place.

**MOTION**

That, to enable the efficient functioning of Part 3 of the Law, the following is resolved:

1. That nominations of areas for protected status will only be received by the Council between August and October each calendar year.
2. That nominations shall be in the form of a letter to the Council and shall contain at a minimum the information set out in section 9(1).
  - (a) a description of the area in sufficient detail to plot its boundaries on a map or chart;
  - (b) a statement of the reasons why the area should be selected for protection having regard to the purposes and objectives in section 8(1) and the criteria in section 8(2);
  - (c) a description of any protected species or other species of special concern known to reside in or migrate through the area; and
  - (d) any conservation problems known to be associated with the area and any special protective measures which may be required.

Proposer:

Secunder:

WP-03 Delegation of Conservation Plan Creation

National Conservation Council

Working Paper 03 - Delegation of conservation Plan Creation

**PRELIMINARY**

- (i) The National Conservation Law (2013) is being implemented in stages, Parts 1 and 2 (Sections 1-6) having been commenced in September 2014.
- (ii) The Law sets out that 17(1) “The Council shall formulate and adopt a conservation plan for each protected species whose range includes the Islands”.
- (iii) The Law sets out that 6(2) “In carrying out his functions the Director may ... (j) develop conservation plans for each protected species”.
- (iv) The Council has previously appointed the Director to prepare working papers to be laid before the Council containing information, advice and recommendations regarding the implementation of the Law.

**MOTION**

That, to achieve efficient implementation of Section 17 of the Law, the Director be appointed to prepare conservation plans for presentation to the Council for their consideration. The Council may then formulate and adopt conservation plans as they see fit, in accordance with Section 17 of the Law.

Proposer:

Seconder:

## National Conservation Council Working Paper 04 – Section 16(2) Petition

### **PRELIMINARY**

- (i) The National Conservation Law (2013) is being implemented in stages, Parts 1 and 2 (Sections 1-6) having been commenced in September 2014.
- (ii) Part 4 of the Law, Conservation of Wildlife, will come in to force on such date as may be appointed by Cabinet.
- (iii) Under Section 16 of the Law
  - (2) Any person or organisation, at any time, may petition the Council to add a species to or delete a species from Schedule 1 or to list a species in a different Part of Schedule 1.
  - (3) A petition under subsection (2) shall be in such form and contain such information as the Council may specify.
- (iv) In order for Part 4, Conservation of Wildlife, to function efficiently the National Conservation Council should have should have a form to assist the public in making any petitions.

### **MOTION**

That the Council specifies, as per section 16(3) that a petition under 16(2) “to add a species to or delete a species from Schedule 1 or to list a species in a different Part of Schedule 1” shall be in the following form and contain the following information.

Proposer:

Seconder:

Section 16(2) Petition to add a species to or delete a species from Schedule 1  
or to list a species in a different Part of Schedule 1

It is not necessary to fill in all sections for all applications. Parts marked \* should be completed.  
Please contact the Department of Environment for assistance. Information may be attached.

Species Scientific Name \_\_\_\_\_ \* Species Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

* Current Species Listing	Part 1	Part 2	Not Listed
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* What are the factors jeopardising the species?

Habitat Loss		Take: hunting, Collecting, Fishing, etc.		Invasive Species Competition	
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Description of these or other threats jeopardising the species.

Reason for proposing listing or change of listing:

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Species Population & Survey Date

Species is:	Declining	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Stable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Species Red List Category using IUCN guidelines

Least Concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	Near Threatened	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endangered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critically Endangered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extinct in the Wild	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extinct	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Assessed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Range of Species – tick as appropriate		Tick
Grand Cayman Endemic	Unique to Grand Cayman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Little Cayman Endemic	Unique to Little Cayman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cayman Brac Endemic	Unique to Cayman Brac	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sister Islands Endemic	Unique to Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cayman Islands Endemic	Unique to the three Cayman Islands	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near-Endemic	Native to Cayman Islands and one other island	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Regional	Native to the North West Caribbean region	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater Antillean	Native to the Greater Antilles	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Indian	Native to the West Indies (Caribbean) region	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neotropical	Native to the American tropics (South, Central or North America)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hemispherical	Widespread in the western hemisphere	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pantropical	In the tropics worldwide	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global	Found in other parts of the world, including outside of the tropics	<input type="checkbox"/>

Range of Species (map)



Does the species appear to be in danger of extinction throughout part or all of its range?


Does the species appear to be likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future?


Does the species appear to be rare and either potentially or actually subject to decline and possible endangerment and extinction?


Justify whether the species-

is of ecological significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of biogeographic significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of scientific significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of national or regional  
significance \_\_\_\_\_

has potential for nature  
tourism \_\_\_\_\_

is endemic to the Islands \_\_\_\_\_

is of recreational significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of cultural significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of educational significance \_\_\_\_\_

is of aesthetic value \_\_\_\_\_

is of economic value \_\_\_\_\_

Enumerate if the species has been identified as requiring protection or other conservation measures by any competent intergovernmental or international agency or organisation or by any other country in the Wider Caribbean Region?

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Any other relevant or useful information or explanation for proposed listing or change of listing

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Petitioner  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

