Participants: Réjean Couture (NRCan - GSC), Alfonso Rivera (NRCan - GSC), Amy Sloma (BC), Guy Bayegnak (AB), Boyan Brodaric (NRCan - GSC), Brendan Mulligan (YT), Christine Rivard (NRCan - GSC), Dan Palombi (AB), Daniel Paradis (NRCan - GSC), Dongnan Zhu (YT), Éric Boisvert (NRCan - GSC), Graham Phipps (MB), Gordon Check (NS), Gwyn Graham (ECCC), Hazen Russell (NRCan - GSC), Hugo-Dubé Loubert (QC), Isabelle de-Grandpré (NWT), Jim Roy (ECCC), John Spoelstra (ECCC), Kei Lo (SK), Laura Cervoni (ECCC), Marie Hyde (ECCC), Martin Stapinsky (QC), Martin Suchy (ECCC), Michelle Nicolas (MB), Olivier Berreville (CCME), Richard Dyer (ON), Shirley Ngai (ECCC), Klaus Rathfelder (BC), Michel Ouellet (QC), Elizabeth Priebe (ON), John Drage (NS), Mohamed Mohamed (ECCC), Steve Beneteau (ON), Luciana Rodrigues (ON), Gavin Kennedy (NS), Audrey Lévesque (NRCan – GSC) and Nathalie Jacob (NRCan – GSC).

1.      Réjean Couture, current program manager of the Groundwater Geoscience Program (GGP) at NRCan, welcomed everyone (38 participants) and informed that Eric Boisvert will become GGP manager as of August 3, 2020.

1. Quick Round-Table from all the participants via Zoom.

1. Due to technical difficulties we went to the impacts of COVID-19 on all jurisdictions and the floor was open to all participants. Overall some provinces are open and some are closed and territories are mainly closed. Depending of the jurisdictions some can continue conducting field operations, some can go but with social distancing, some can only be one person per site (e.g. Sask) and some borders are closed to non-resident (e.g. YT, NWT). As it relates to NRCan, no one will be going into the field at least until July 1, NRCan is working on a return to workplace strategy involving the fieldwork component.
2. Isabelle de-Grandpré from NWT, Amy Sloma from BC and Brendan Mulligan from YT gave presentations on groundwater programs/activities in their respective jurisdiction. Decks available via this link: <https://github.com/lcnp/ndgw/raw/master/meetings/2020-06-03/NDGW_6_juin_2020.pdf>
   * Collaboration on the shared waters of the Mackenzie River Basin (NWT, BC, YT presented by Isabelle de-Grandpré)
   * NWT’s groundwater program (Isabelle de-Grandpré)
   * BC’s groundwater program (Amy Sloma)
   * YT’s groundwater program (Brendan Mulligan)

After the presentations Hazen Russell mentioned to the presenters how is looking forward to work with them soon. Brendan mentioned the importance for the Yukon Territory to be part of dialogues like this one.

1. After the presentations, we continued with the topic we had in the agenda:
   * Canada Water Agency – From Laura Cervoni (ECCC).  Laura mentioned that ECCC is working on a commitment in response to ECCC’s and AAFC ‘s mandate letters; CWA considers freshwater including groundwater and large lakes, but excludes salt water; that they are working on freshwater assessment and freshwater actions. GWF started consulting on CWA but independently from ECCC. ECCC is not involved in the white paper from GWF. ECCC consultations began with the provincial and territorial governments as well as with federal departments at the ADM levels. Also, that indigenous engagements and more comprehensive engagement will be put in place later (early 2021). This is an open process and nothing will be allocated to GWF.

         Boyan Brodaric talked about a workshop for the National Hydro Network (NHN) to be held at the end of June (update on that topic, the workshop is reported to July). This is a proposed workshop to link National Stream Network to other sorts of data. National Hydro Network v2 Workshop 4 – linking to groundwater and other data: <http://gin.gw-info.net/service/ngwds/pdf/nhnv2_worshop_4/NHNv2_Workshop_4_description.pdf>

* + Data base contacts in provinces and territories: Réjean asked all to follow-up with Étienne Girard or Nathalie Jacob, Étienne will get in touch with partners if they don’t.
  + We haven’t had time to discuss the last item on the agenda, the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the NDGW. This item will be added to the next dialogue in September.

1. At the end Réjean thanked all participants, reminding them that we will meet again on September 2 and that Martin Stapinsky will be presenting with his group from Québec as well as Daniel Paradis from GSC-QC. If you need further details, please contact Nathalie Jacob or Réjean Couture and please do not hesitate to contact the presenters about their respective or joint presentations.

See you all soon and thank you for your participation!