



## **SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD**

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### **Full Board Meeting Arthur Mendo Arena Complex - Tulita, NT March 13 - 17, 2000**

<b>Present:</b>	Winter Lennie Celina Stroeder Ruby McDonald Paul Latour Russell Hall	<b>Absent:</b>	Danny Gaudet George Barnaby
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**Guests:** Alasdair Veitch – RWED Biologist  
Bas Oustenbrug – Protected Areas Biologist  
Evelyn Gah – Protected Areas Technician  
Camilla Gully – Fort Good Hope RRC  
George Oudzi Jr. – Behdzi Ahda' RRC  
Joe Martin - Behdzi Ahda' RRC  
Sarah Kochon - Behdzi Ahda' RRC  
Norman McDonald – Norman Wells RRC  
Rhea McDonald – Norman Wells  
Sheldon Lennie – Norman Wells  
Leroy Andre - Deline RRC  
John Tutcho - Deline RRC  
Andrew John Kenny – Deline RRC  
Raymond Taniton – Deline RRC  
Alfred Taniton – Deline RRC  
Leon Modeste \_ Deline RRC  
Dolphus Mackenzio – Deline RRC

**Public:** Gabe Horassi  
Victor Menacho  
David Etchinelle  
Louis Marion – Tulita RWED Officer  
Frank Andrew  
George Campbell

**Staff:** Margaret McDonald – SRRB Executive Director  
Lori Yallee – SRRB Office Manager  
Cal Pittet – Computer Administrator  
Ben Olsen – SRRB Biologist  
Jody Snortland – SRRB Harvest Study Coordinator  
Janet Bayha – SRRB Harvest Study Trainee  
Rosa Etchinelle – SRRB Wildlife Technician

1. Prayer by Margaret McDonald.
2. Meeting called to order @ 9:00 am, March 14/00.

3. **Introductions:**

Chairman Winter Lennie welcomed everyone to the meeting. He was hoping to the Have this meeting out on the land but the agenda was too extensive and time did not allow this.

4. **Review and acceptance of agenda:**

**Additions to the agenda:**

- Appointment of auditor under agenda item # 7.
- In camera session.
- Musk oxen under agenda item # 10.
- Summer students under staff reports.
- Agency updates under agenda item # 6.

**Motion 03-14-00-01:**

To accept the agenda as revised.

Moved by Celina Stroeder

Seconded by Ruby McDonald

Accepted unanimously.

5. **Review and acceptance of the minutes:**

**Motion # 03-14-00-02:**

To accept the minutes of March 22 – 26, 1999 as read.

Moved by Ruby McDonald

Seconded by Celina Stroeder

Accepted unanimously.

**Motion # 03-14-00-03:**

To accept the Executive Committee teleconference minutes of May 3, 1999 as read.

Moved by Paul Latour

Seconded by Russell Hall

Accepted unanimously.

**Motion # 03-14-00-04:**

To accept the Sahtu Renewable Resources board of directors teleconference minutes of May 19, 1999 as read.

Moved by Celina Stroeder

Seconded by Ruby McDonald

Accepted unanimously.

**Motion # 03-14-00-05:**

To accept the SRRB board of director's minutes of July 7, 1999 as read.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-06:**

To rescind motion # 03-14-00-05.

**Moved by Paul Latour**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-07:**

To accept the minutes of July 20, 1999 meeting as read.

**Moved by Paul Latour**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-08:**

To accept the teleconference minutes of August 18, 1999 as read.

**Moved by Celina Stroeder**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-09:**

To accept the minutes of meeting of September 17, 1999 with the corrections, as read.

**Moved by Celina Stroeder**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-10:**

To accept the minutes of meeting of October 21, 1999, as read.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**

**Seconded by Celina Stroeder**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-11:**

To accept the minutes of meeting of November 8-9, 1999 with corrections as read.

**Moved by Russell Hall**

**Seconded by Paul Latour**

**Accepted unanimously.**

**Motion # 03-14-00-12:**

To accept the Executive Committee meeting minutes of December 21, 1999 as read.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Celina Stroeder  
Accepted unanimously.

**6. Business arising from minutes of past meetings:**

- Executive Director requested that the trailer issue be left until later because the board will be meeting in camera. Representatives of Tulita Land Corporation also wish to speak to board of directors on this matter.
- The board of directors requested that the SRRB office compile all action items going back to and including March 22, 1999.

**CWS update:**

- The "Species at Risk" draft act will be made available in early June 2000.
- Discussion ensued in regards to the peregrine falcon and the idea of importing them into the Sahtu region. Staff can discuss this issue with the community at large.
- Paul Latour to check into a video in regards to community consumption of country foods and the issue of non-toxic shock.

**DFO update:**

- Fish sampling done at Kelly Lake by Tulita RRC. New species have been found, Bull Trout, a native to Alberta and BC.
- Norm S. did a contract with DFO and caught samples of "Dog Salmon" on the Keith Arm of Colville Lake.
- Research in the Lac la Loche tentatively to be conducted in year 2001.

**Research update:**

- Brief overview of on work done with RRC's & GIS.
- Strategy on protected areas.
- Deline to protect Grizzly Bear Mountain & Scented Grass Hills.
- Renewable Resource officer trainee has resigned. Job will be put out to competition.
- Wildlife Act consultation in all communities with Colville Lake to be done in April 2000.

**7. New Business:**

**Wildlife Act Committee Status:**

- The Board formed a committee consists of Ruby McDonald, Russell Hall, and Paul Latour. There have been no Committee meetings to date.

**Budgeting April 2000 – March 31, 2001:**

- Winter stated that Ottawa now wants a work plan along with the budget.

**Harvest Study Budget:**

- \$181,630.00 available in latest figures from implementation committee.
- Last Year – available balance \$269,000.00. This fiscal year \$ 279,800.00

**Motion #03-14-00-13:**

To approve 2000 -2001 Core budget and work plan as presented.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Celina Stroeder  
Carried Unanimously

**Motion #03-14-00-14:**

To approve the Harvest Study 2000-2001 budget and work plan with the following revisions:

- To change the budget line item "balance" to \$0.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Celina Stroeder  
Carried Unanimously

**Wildlife Study Fund update:**

- Discussion on Wildlife Study Fund to be held with TAL representative by the board @ future meeting.

**Motion # 03-14-00-15:**

To direct Executive Committee to deal with Strategic Plan.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Russell Hall  
Carried Unanimously

**Scholarships:**

- \$58,000.00 currently in the scholarship fund.

**Motion #03-14-00-16:**

To approve changes to the scholarship funds as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year - from \$500 to \$2000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year - from \$750 to \$2500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> year from \$1000 to \$3500
- Graduates from \$1000 to \$5000

Moved by Celina Stroeder  
Seconded by Ruby McDonald  
1 opposed  
Motion carried.

**Sahtu Land Use Planning Board Delegation:**

Introduction of Fieldworkers -

Dora Kochon Colville Lake  
Rita Kochon Colville Lake

Rodger Odgaard	Norman Wells
Lisa McDonald	Tulita
Micheal Neyelle	Deline
Jane Modeste	Deline
Rose McNeely	Ft. Good Hope

- Presently working on a "Current Trail Use Mapping Project" until the end April 2000.
- Approximately 15 interviews per community.
- Work related to managing lands.
- Field workers working with RRC's.

**Alasdair Veitch, Research Biologist, RWED:**

- Caribou have no collars around Colville Lake.
- Bathurst herd are not coming into Sahtu area. Remain around Yellowknife area.

**Sheep:**

- Dall sheep, in Mackenzie Mountains have parasites
- Last year, 8 cases of sheep died of pneumonia.
- Field collection to begin in 10 days.
- Outfitters will be collecting samples.
- 1997 started study on population level.
- 200 sheep per year harvested.
- Proposal for study this year prepared by Ben Olsen
- Not a human health concern; opportunity for local Claimant group to do.

**Moose:**

- Moose population in Sahtu area and will rise due to burn area.
- Tulita, Ft. Good Hope, & Norman Wells area are surveyed every 5 years.

**Grizzly Bear:**

- Report submitted to Board gives an overview of bears in Mackenzie Mountains.
- Outfitters say there is a problem in Mackenzie Mountains regarding the killing of caribou by Grizzly bears.
- Letter of concern from Tulita District Land Corporations.
- Workshop to be held in Inuvik. Ben Olsen, Rosa Etchinelle and Leroy Andre to attend.
- The RRC in Norman Wells were behind study but claimants will not benefit, only outfitters so they withdrew their support

**Protected Areas Strategy - presentation by Bas Oustenbrug & Evelyn Gah**

- Provided information about Great Bear Lake.
- Protected areas by Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.
- Aboriginal groups in Western Arctic had input and reports were put together as a result of discussion.
- Meetings held with community groups.

**Group from Deline arrived at 11:15am**

**In Camera Session – 1:00 – 3:00PM**

**Motion # 03-14-00-17:**

To go in-camera @ 1 p.m.

**Moved by Celina Stroeder**

**Seconded by Ruby McDonald**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion # 03-14-00-18:**

To come out of camera @ 3 pm.

**Moved by Celina Stroeder**

**Seconded by Ruby McDonald**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion #03-14-00-19:**

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board directs the Executive Director to send a letter with the attached motion to refuse the offer to purchase the 4 trailers leased to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, in Tulita.

**Moved by Celina Stroeder**

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**

**Passed unanimously**

**Motion #03-14-00-20:**

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board of directors support the Executive Director's recommendation to hire Ben Olsen, board Biologist, as an indeterminate staff member.\

**Moved by Russell Hall**

**Seconded by Paul Latour**

**Passed unanimously**

**Motion #03-14-00-21:**

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Executive Committee change the current members of Winter Lennie, Ruby McDonald and Paul Latour to Winter Lennie, Ruby McDonald and Celina Stroeder. Paul Latour and Russell Hall will then become the alternate members on the Executive Committee.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**

**Seconded by Russell Hall**

**Passed unanimously**

**Motion #03-14-00-22:**

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board directs the Executive Director to do a call for proposals for an auditor x 3 years.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Celina Stroeder  
Passed unanimously

**Motion #03-14-00-23:**

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board of directors agrees to the terms for legal services by Davis & Company, as per the letter from Davis & Company.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Celina Stroeder  
Passed unanimously

Norman Wells GIS Technician trainee is Tanya Townsend. Proposal to SRRB, SL&WB and SLUPB for GIS funding. Sub-set of GIS working on project of vegetation and plants based out of Fort Smith.

**Species at Risk:**

- Meeting in Ottawa regarding legislation on "Species at Risk".
- Consultation with Aboriginal groups.
- Wildlife boards were in attendance.

**Joint Co-Management Board Meeting:**

- SRRB to host next JCMB meeting in the summer of 2000.
- Contact other boards to hold a joint meeting.
- Gwitch'in and Nunavut hosted meetings to date

**Joint Renewable Resource Meeting:**

- Co-Management Board in place and operating.
- Mackenzie Valley Impact Environmental Group would like to have a joint meeting.
- Should try to set a target date for Co-management board meeting before Joint Leadership or SSI AGM to update on issues.
- Next Board meeting before fall of 2000.

**Draft Co-management Bluenose Caribou Herd Plan**

- Needs to be completed as soon as possible.
- Have been working on this for 5-6 years, should have been finished 3 years ago.
- Date for completion at next Board meeting in June.

**Draft Forestry Discussion Paper**

- Roles of Forestry documentation presented by Michele Wheatly in 1997.
- Package to review, any questions or concerns, please address Margaret and to be discussed at next meeting.

**Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study Working Group**

- Meeting held January 12-13, 2000.
- Updated working group to date.
- Deal with confidential issue. Has to be addressed because data base is up and running.

**Transboundary Issues.**



- Last year RWED funded people to look at some erosion, garbage problems etc.
- Once Canol Park Management is finalized, it will become a Territorial park. Then there will be protection under parks.
- As the RRC's are left out, the Board has authority to deal with this issue.
- Ross River on the verge of finalizing their Land Claim but they can't until the deal with the Transboundary issue is resolved. Ross River sent in a proposal for funding to Ottawa so as the Tulita District Lands and Ross River can begin negotiations on the transboundary issue.

#### **Other:**

- Need to have input from all community RRC's.
- A proposal for the purpose Harvest Study was to count animals harvested & develop the Harvest Study with database.
- Cal and Jody inputting information in the database for Colville Lake, Norman Wells and Fort Good Hope. Information from Deline received in January

**March 15, 2000 -9:00am**

**Opening prayer by Ruby McDonald**

#### **Research Funding Applications**

##### **Moose:**

- 4 projects planned for next year surveying moose and Dall sheep.
- Want to collect moose jaws. Money will go into stipend for people collecting jaws @ \$25.00/jaw.
- Surveys being conducted in Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells.
- Collecting information on age of moose population in the Sahtu.
- Collecting samples of Woodland Caribou and concentrating on the Redstone, which is the largest herd.
- Located large group of caribou around Drum Lake; very few calf's, and a cause for concern.
- Hunters collecting samples and we are collecting samples from non-residents.
- More significant for moose than caribou.
- Project targeted for 3-4 years.

##### **Dall's Sheep:**

- University students starting survey and there are 3 projects specific to board.
- RRC's contacted in all 5 communities and asked for their participation.

#### **Wildlife Act /Canol Trail: (KHickling, WMcCowan, GHCrassi, LMarion)**

- Discussion on Wildlife Act and Canol Trail.
- NWT Wildlife Act drafted in 1999. Wildlife Act does not meet conditions of Land Claim and government.
- July 1999 met with RRC's and discussed Wildlife Act. Talked of laws regarding general applications, safety, waste of wildlife etc.

#### **Motion #03-15-00-24:**

To form a working group to work on SAR and Wildlife Act regulation changes  
Once a person from SRRB, SSI, RRC, is chosen, RWED will be asked to participate.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**  
**Seconded by Paul Latour**  
**Passed unanimously**

**Woodland Caribou in the Mackenzie Mountains:**

**Motion #03-15-00-25:**

That we approve funding for the Woodland Caribou in the Mackenzie Mountains project for \$52,420.00 and that Sahtu Land Claim beneficiaries be requested to participate and assist in the project.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**  
**Seconded by Russell Hall**  
**Passed unanimously**

**Census of Eastern Bluenose Caribou Herd:**

**Motion #03-15-00-26:**

To approve census of Eastern Bluenose Caribou Herd project for \$22,000.00 on condition that Sahtu Renewable Resources Board personnel be part of the study and that local community persons be utilized.

**Moved by Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by Ruby McDonald**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**Great Bear Lake Trout Movements and Assessment of Keith Arm Stock:**

**Motion #03-15-00-27:**

To approve funding for the Great Bear Lake Trout Movement project for \$57,500.00 with the condition that local people be hired and utilized

**Moved by Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by Ruby McDonald**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**Lower Mackenzie River Index Netting:**

**Motion #03-15-00-28:**

To approve the funds of \$2959.00 to DFO for the Lower Mackenzie River Index Netting project.

Moved by Paul Latour  
Seconded by Russell Hall  
Motion passed unanimously

**Sahtu Vegetation Classification Project:**

**Motion #03-15-00-29:**

To approve funding of \$13,273.00 for the Sahtu Vegetation Classification project on the condition that a Sahtu Beneficiary be hired to assist in the project.

Moved by Russell Hall  
Seconded by Ruby McDonald  
Motion passed unanimously

**Aging of Harvested Moose and Caribou:**

**Motion #03-15-00-30:**

To approve the funding of \$3593.00 for Aging of Harvested Moose and Caribou project.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Paul Latour  
Motion passed unanimously

**An Aerial Survey of Moose in the Norman Wells Area:**

**Motion #03-15-00-31:**

To approve the funding of \$15675.00 for an Aerial Survey of Moose in the Norman Wells Area project.

Moved by Ruby McDonald  
Seconded by Paul Latour  
Motion passed unanimously

**Dall's Sheep Population Census in the Mackenzie Mountains:**

**Motion #03-15-00-32:**

Approval of funding for Dall's Sheep Population Census in the Mackenzie Mountains project for \$12000.00 with the condition that local people are hired and utilized.

Moved by Paul Latour  
Seconded by Russell Hall  
Motion passed unanimously

**West Bluenose Caribou Herd Photo-Census/Recruitment/Satellite Tracking:**

**Motion #03-15-00-33:**

West Bluenose Caribou Herd – Photo Census for \$32300  
West Bluenose Caribou Herd – Recruitment Survey \$10000

West Bluenose Caribou Herd – Satellite Tracking \$7500

**Moved by Ruby McDonald**  
**Seconded by Paul Latour**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**Sahtu GIS Project:**

**Motion #03-15-00-34:**

To approve funding of \$26,156.00 for the Sahtu GIS Project on the condition that a Sahtu beneficiary to be hired to assist in this project.

**Moved by Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by Ruby McDonald**  
**Passed unanimously**

**Harvest Study Work plan – April 2000 to March 2001:**

- Janet will go on training as HS trainee in Fort Smith-proposal submitted to Margaret.
- School presentations, poster contest, propose to do as part of 2001 calendar, big push for us.
- Showed harvest study calendars
- Would like to make a booklet and send copies to RRC's.  
Data base entry-began entry last week for Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope and Tulita.
- July 2000, annual report out.
- Status report was handed out.
- Review what happens every month
- Interviews done, must be Sahtu Dene/Metis, can be non-beneficiary but providing for Dene/Metis, must be 16 years old.
- Reviewed registration forms.
- Official harvester list-updated monthly.
- Harvest record-form
- Will not pay for interview if not complete or if Harvester does not sign list.  
Discussion about where Jody could go for support.

**Next date for meetings of the SRRB:**

July 10 – 13, 2000 in Colville Lake.  
October 23 – 27<sup>th</sup> in Fort Good Hope.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion # 03-15-00-35:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

**Moved by Ruby McDonald.**