



## **SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD**

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### **Executive Committee Meeting 19 December 2000 Norman Wells, NT**

**Attendance:** Board Members

Winter Lennie	Chairman
Ruby McDonald	Board Member
Celina Stroeder	Board Member

Staff

Jody Snortland	Executive Director
Ben Olsen	Biologist

Guest

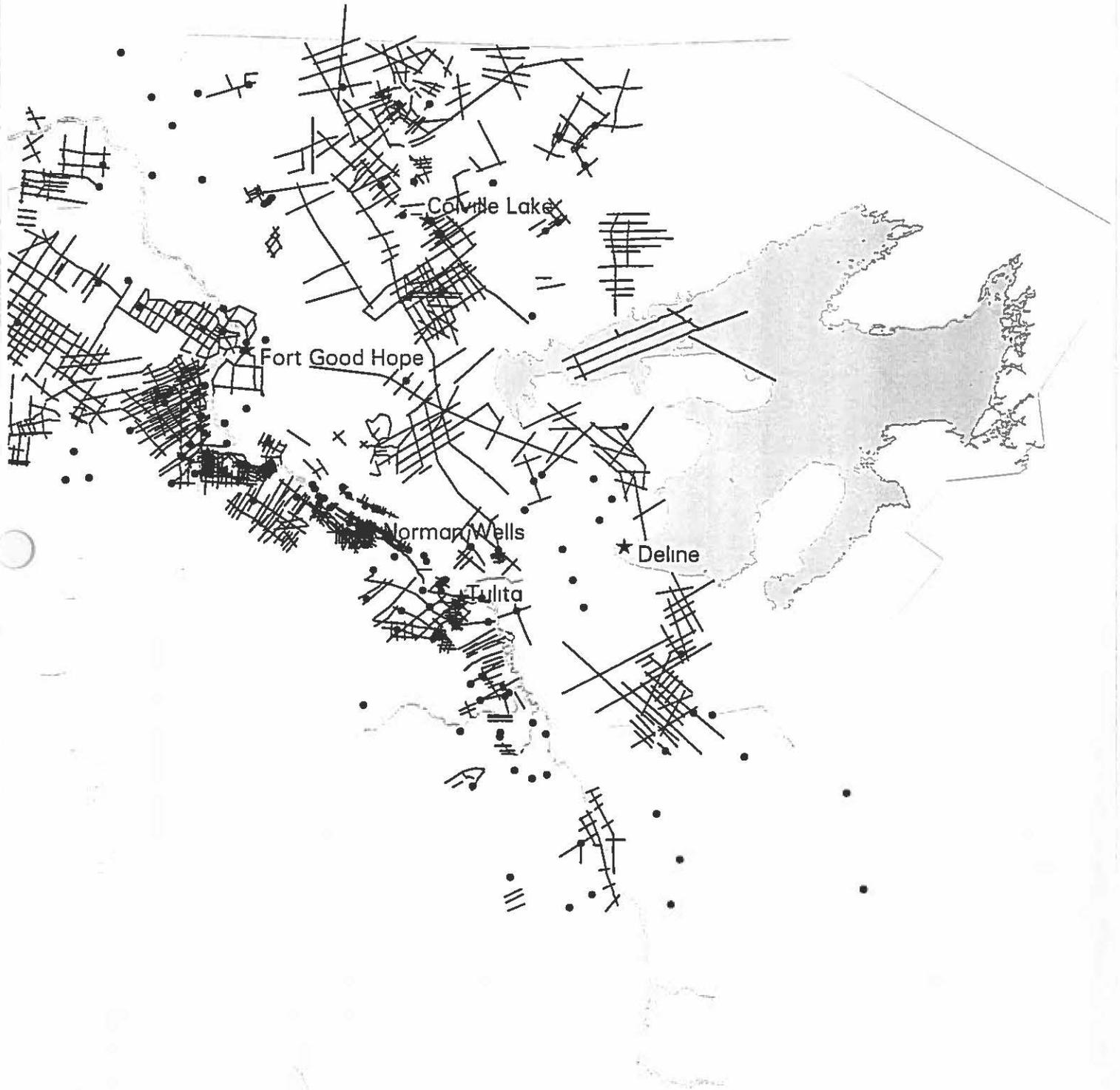
Alasdair Veitch	RWED Biologist
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Meeting convened at 12:50 p.m.

#### **1. Preliminary Cumulative Effects Assessment for Boreal Woodland Caribou**

- Oil & gas development have created a "significant footprint" in the Sahtu Settlement Area (see attached map).
- Attendance at the CEEM Symposium in Calgary (Nov/00) indicated how oil and gas development affect Boreal Woodland Caribou in Alberta:
  - 250 m avoidance of seismic lines (however, not considered barriers to movement)
  - Wolves move 2.8 times faster along cut lines; therefore, resulting in increased predation
  - Habitat is shrinking
- Attendance at the Caribou Workshop in Norman Wells (Dec/00) indicated that both scientific and non-scientific advisors have little information about Boreal Woodland Caribou & Mountain Woodland Caribou
- Currently COSEWIC is reviewing the wildlife in Canada; plan to list Boreal Woodland Caribou as threatened (including in the NWT); this results in Boreal Woodland Caribou becoming a "keystone species" (when development occurs this type of species is monitored to determine the affects of that development); SRRB should take position on COSEWIC listing
- RWED feels that the Sahtu should make Boreal Woodland Caribou a priority; however, RWED has no dollars to give
- Request dollars for 3 months to hire a person to quantify caribou habitat (critical areas); Propose to hire Arianna Zimmer
- Money available out of the Wildlife Technician budget

# Seismic Lines and Wells in the Sahtu Settlement Area



October 2000

## SAHTU GIS PROJECT

A JOINT PROJECT OF THE SAHTU LAND AND WATER BOARD, THE SAHTU LAND USE PLANNING BOARD, THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SAHTU STATION  
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Scale 1:3,500,000

50 0 50 100 150 Kilometers

● Sahtu wells  
— Seismic lines

- Guidelines for Seismic Activity – DIAND (should be regulations); in NWT, use 10 m wide lines; in AB, use only 5-6 m wide lines; if used would result in less of a footprint and would improve environmental mitigation; to be further discussed with other co-management boards

**Motion #19-12-00-01**

To fund Preliminary Cumulative Effects Assessment for Boreal Woodland Caribou in Sahtu Settlement Area not to exceed \$13,000.00 to the Sahtu GIS Project.

**Ruby McDonald moved**  
**Celina Stroeder seconded**  
**Motion carried unanimously**

**2. Offer of Employment – Executive Director**

- Committee reviewed draft offer of employment; asked that line item #7 be changed from "... report to the Chairman of the SRRB" to "...report to the Board Members of the SRRB."

**Motion #19-12-00-02**

To accept Jody Snortland's Offer of Employment for Executive Director with the accepted changes.

**Celina Stroeder moved**  
**Ruby McDonald seconded**  
**Motion carried unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes approved:



Chairperson

March 6, 2001

Date

**December 19/00**

**Item**

1. Bring issue of COSEWIC wildlife listing to March Board Mtg.
2. Obtain DIAND's Guidelines for Seismic Activity

**Responsible Party**

Executive Director

Executive Director

**Action Taken**

Ongoing

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