

CORE Funding Work Plan 2014-2015

Mission:

To assist communities with the management of wildlife and habitat for the benefit of the people of the Sahtu Region

Goals

Activities

Professional Development for Board members and Staff

- Continue implementation of new staff and intern training program, including Board Forum training opportunities, on-the-job mentorship, and conferences.
- Complete review and update of Board Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Review and update Board strategic plan.

Board Meetings

- Two in-person Board meetings per year
- At least one joint meeting with RRC, government, industry and other partners per year (usually in conjunction with a regular Board meeting)
- Approximately ten telephone meetings.

Wildlife Research

- Implement contribution agreements and disbursement of approved funds for projects led by partners, including:
 - Duck banding (Willow Lake) – NWT Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)
 - Salmon Study – UManitoba and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
 - Trout Monitoring Program – DFO
- Provide capacity support for research led by partners, including SRRB-funded projects, traditional knowledge studies and monitoring led by RRCs, etc.
- Implement SRRB-led scientific and traditional knowledge research projects and programs, including.
 - Sahtú Harvest Survey completion
 - Caribou Populations Study (with University of Manitoba)
 - Environmental Assessment Best Practices
 - Traditional Knowledge Guidelines
 - Monitoring Framework
 - Stories and Language of the Land Traditional Knowledge program (with University of Toronto)
 - Wildlife, Habitat and Harvesting program (Environmental Studies Research Fund-ESRF)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit funding for priority research from outside agencies. • Review and provide input on wildlife and harvesting research applications (including CIMP and ENR) • Facilitate meetings of the Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring (ERM) Forum • Establish an online database of reports and publications regarding wildlife/habitat/harvesting research occurring in the Sahtú.
Work in partnership with community Renewable Resources Councils (RRCs), co-management boards, Government (Territorial and Federal), and industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop RRC Manual (deferred from 2013-2014). • Provide wildlife and wildlife habitat protection recommendations to industry and to the Sahtú Land and Water Board's water license and land use permit processes. • Approve and provide input into legislation, policies, and management plans by government. • Collaborate with the Sahtú Land and Water Board and Sahtú Land Use Planning Board in enhancing the integration of regional resource management. • Collaborate with CanNor and ITI in traditional economy development (Phase II). • Participate in NWT Board Forum meetings.
Wildlife, Habitat and Harvesting Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with ACCWM to finalize Bluenose Herds Management Plan. • Participate in development of new Bathurst Caribou management body. • Participate in Conference of Management Authorities and Species At Risk Committee, and undertake engagements with RRCs on activities related to implementation of the Species At Risk Act.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Facebook page and website • Develop plain language communication materials regarding wildlife/habitat and harvesting research and management.
Capacity-building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and develop scholarship program for students pursuing higher education in environmental research and management.