

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting  
13-15 September 2005  
Fort Good Hope, NT**

**13 September 2005**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Walter Bayha  
Keith Hickling  
Paul Latour  
Russell Hall  
Leonard Kenny  
Rosa Etchinelle  
Ronald Pierrot  
Steve Hannah – Nominee

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Jody Snortland

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Gene & Camilla Rabisca – Public  
Charlie Tobac – Public  
Edward Kelly – Public

Alphonsine McNeely – Translator  
Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region  
Boyan Tracz – ENR, Sahtu Region  
Susan Fleck – ENR, Yellowknife  
Suzanne Carriere – ENR, Yellowknife  
Larry Dow – DFO, Hay River  
Jann Atkinson – CCU  
Gabe Kochon – Public  
Jerry Lennie – Public  
Joe Orlias – Public  
Belinda Gully – Public  
Edward Gardebois – Public  
Neil Pascal – Public  
Barthy Cotchilly – Public

**Meeting convened @ 9:20 a.m.**

**1. Opening Prayer/Introductions**

- Opening prayer by Walter Bayha
- Round table introductions

**2. Swear in Members**

- Keith Hickling & Rosa Etchinelle sworn in by Constable Greg Fast – Sept. 12, 2005

**3. Review of Agenda**

**SRRB Motion #09-13-05-01**

- To accept the agenda as presented

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**

**Seconded by: Russell Hall**

**Carried Unanimously**

**4. Review of Previous Minutes**

- 26 October 2004 Conference Call
- 15 – 17 February & 03 March 2005 Board Meeting/Conference Call

- 07 April 2005 Conference Call

**SRRB Motion #09-13-05-02**

- To accept the 26 October 2004 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Seconded by: Paul Latour**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #09-13-05-03**

- To accept the 15 – 17 February & 03 March 2005 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**  
**Seconded by: Paul Latour**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #09-13-05-04**

- To accept the 07 April 2005 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Paul Latour**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

**a) Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study**

- Final Report & Brochure, entitled “*Dene Ways of Respecting the Land and Animals*” tabled
- Deline chosen for pilot study b/c trained researchers available through Deline Uranium Team process; opportunities for other communities to complete similar study
- Developed to incorporate Dene laws and values into a comprehensive traditional knowledge policy
- Concerns to be addressed by policy: intellectual property rights & ownership, traditional knowledge usage (what provided and how used), storage of traditional knowledge

**ACTION (Chair & ED):** To develop draft comprehensive traditional knowledge policy for incorporation into Policy & Procedure Manual

**b) Regional Engagement Initiative**

- DIAND program established to improve their current engagement and consultation practices across the country; trying to rebuild relationships/trust
- Forward report to Board members to illicit comments
- Fuel spill at Hanna Creek (2005); to date, no one has been held responsible; no meeting in Fort Good Hope w/ any agencies

**ACTION (ED):** To forward concerns re: Hanna Creek spill, comments re: initiative, and request more DIAND presence/reporting at SRRB meetings to Robert Overvold

**ACTION (RRCO & Keith Hickling):** To ensure communities know what responsibilities each government agency has and how to contact them

**c) Pipeline EA Report**

- Final Report, entitled “*Key Harvesting Issues Pertaining to the Proposed Mackenzie Gas Project*” tabled
- SRRB is registered intervener in both the Joint Review Panel and National Energy Board processes; report will be forwarded as written evidence for Hearings
- Report focuses on potential impacts to harvesters and harvesting practices in the Sahtu now and in the future
- SRRB will be hiring an Environmental Assessment Specialist to specifically handle all responses to land use permits, water licences, wildlife research permits and scientific licences

**6. Agency Update – CWS, Paul Latour**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Ecological Inventory of the Ts’ude’hliline-Tuyetah Candidate Protected Area*” tabled
- Fieldwork completed June 2005 w/ community monitor, Lawrence Caesar; additional fieldwork planned for June 2006; no winter work planned
- Community request for land withdrawal to be made soon; the community of Fort Good Hope and partners will be working towards possibly protecting the area as a National Wildlife Area under the Canada Wildlife Act

**7. Agency Update – ENR, Steve Hannah & Keith Hickling**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*RWED Restructuring*” and Forest Management Division Report tabled
- Brief overview given of the switch into two new departments – Environment & Natural Resources and Industry, Tourism & Investments
- Only three (3) fires actively fought in 2005 fire season; only areas identified as high Valued Ecosystem Components (VEC) are fought (this does not include critical caribou habitat)
- Concerns about grubstake program can be changed with recommendations from local RRCs and trappers; furs can be sold directly to Western Canadian in Vancouver; Sahtu furs saw top dollar at North Bay Auction during 2004/05 (\$110 marten; \$75 lynx; \$40 fox)
- No wildlife officers available to monitor winter road during 2004/05 season; cabin at Porcupine River to be used as check station along winter road in the future
- Following the completion of Species at Risk legislation, work will begin on the Wildlife Act

**8. Agency Update – DFO, Larry Dow**

- Progress Report, entitled “*2005/06 Projects for the SRRB – George Low*” tabled
- Collecting salmon or bull trout caught in the Sahtu; paying \$50/ fish; send fish frozen to Hay River
- Fishery regulations are being separated from Nunavut; recommendations for change can be made, e.g. reduce/eliminate sport harvest; plans for additional officers in the field
- Special exploratory licence can be obtained to serve fish at Grey Bear Lodge (support letters from RRC & SRRB required); fishing still must be outside Special Harvesting Area

**9. COSEWIC Process – Suzanne Carriere**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)*” and NWT/Sahtu Species on COSEWIC & SARA Lists tabled

- Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Subcommittee Co-chair – Larry Carpenter
- If species is protected, this does not prevent subsistence harvest

**10. Species at Risk Act – Paul Latour & Suzanne Carriere**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Boreal Caribou and the Species at Risk Act*” & “*A Consultation Process for Boreal Woodland Caribou Conservation in the NWT*” and Draft Action Plan, entitled “*Consultation Process for Developing an Action Plan for the Conservation of Boreal Caribou in the NWT*” tabled
- Sahtu representative at Species at Risk Act (SARA) negotiations – Walter Bayha

**Meeting recessed @ 4:45 p.m.**

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**14 September 2005**

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 Jonas Kakfwi – Public  
 Gene Rabisca – Public  
 Phillip Rabisca – Public  
 Frank & Adeline Pierrot – Public  
 Neil Pascal – Public  
 Thomas Manuel – Public  
 Jim Pierrot – Public  
 Edna Tobac – SLWB  
 Phoebe Kenny – SSI

Alphonsine & Rose McNeely – Translator  
 Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region  
 Boyan Tracz – ENR, Sahtu Region  
 Susan Fleck – ENR, Yellowknife  
 Suzanne Carriere – ENR, Yellowknife  
 Paul Rivard – ENR, Sahtu Region  
 Jeff Walker – ENR, Sahtu Region  
 Loraine Tremblay – Auditor, CGA  
 Jann Atkinson – CCU  
 Robert Kelly – Public  
 Arthur Tobac – Public  
 Gabe Kochon – Public  
 David Cooke – Public  
 Wilfred Jackson – Public  
 Belinda Gully – Public  
 Edward Gardebois – Public  
 Lois Rabisca – Public  
 Isadore Manuel – Public  
 Barthy Cotchilly – Public  
 Charlie Barnaby – Public  
 Ronald Kelly – Public  
 Freda Taniton – SSI

**Meeting reconvened @ 9:05 a.m.**

## **11. Review of the Financial Statement & Audit**

### **a) 2004/2005 Audited Financial Statement – Loraine Tremblay**

- 2004/2005 Audited Financial Statement tabled
- No irregularities or restrictions
- Requirement for non-profit organizations to depreciate capital assets

### **SRRB Motion #09-14-05-05**

- To accept the 2004/2005 Audited Financial Statement as presented

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**

**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **b) Financial Statement as of 09 September 2005**

- 09 September 2005 Financial Statement tabled

### **SRRB Motion #09-14-05-06**

- To accept the 09 September 2005 financial statement as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Keith Hickling**

**Carried Unanimously**

## **12. Bluenose Caribou Herd (East & West) Census Results – Alasdair Veitch**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Census Results for Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds, July 2005*”, Meeting Minutes (31 August 2005 & 09 September 2005), Bluenose Caribou Herds Survey Results Summary, Bluenose Caribou Herds Fact Sheet, Barren-ground Caribou Harvest Statistics 1998-2003, Graph of North American Caribou Population Trends and “*Caribou Co-Management: An Overview*” tabled
- In 1998, 4 out of every 10 caribou harvested was a cow; in 2003, 7 out of 10 caribou harvested was a cow
- Harvest Study accuracy – confident that harvest data provided were collected and recorded accurately by Aboriginal Community Interviewers and Harvest Study Coordinator; challenges include: census data collection incomplete (not all beneficiaries participated in Study), possible under/over reporting, recall period too long, interviewee fatigue, no data collected for resident Aboriginals
- Plans to repeat census in July 2006 with the deployment of additional satellite and VHF collars to increase sample size of collared animals on each herd; collar more bulls
- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC-NWT) recommendations (met 10-11 September 2005): change hunting management zone, eliminate commercial/resident/outfitter harvest within management zone, repeat photo-census in 2006, study winter snow conditions, increase monitoring of herds, and improve harvest data collection
- Need protection for the Bluenose-East calving grounds; less habitat available, including refuge from heat and bugs on the tundra
- No grizzly bear or wolf studies have been conducted in the Sahtu; predator populations are increasing; caribou and predators have always co-existed; need monitoring of contaminants and noise
- RRCs are responsible for ensuring that the photo-census information is distributed in each community; ENR/SRRB staff willing to present information if invited to

meetings; all Sahtu community, RRC & SRRB recommendations will be combined and forwarded to Minister of ENR; development separate management plans with all communities that harvest the three herds

- Change hunt from winter road season to fall; urge harvesters to take bulls rather than cows, especially November to April; reduce total number of caribou take by Sahtu harvesters & other First Nations (Dehcho and Tlicho); additional items were noted on flipchart (ENR)

### 13. ENR Trapper Presentation

- 2005 Top Sahtu Youth Trapper Award – Phillip Rabisca, Fort Good Hope; received a Fur Harvesters Auction jacket from Steve Hannah, Dept. of Industry, Tourism & Investments and Keith Hickling, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
- 2005 Top Sahtu Elder Trapper Award – Gene Rabisca, Fort Good Hope

Meeting recessed @ 4:30 p.m.

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### 15 September 2005 – Conference Call

<b>Present on Call:</b>	Walter Bayha	Leonard Kenny	Jody Snortland
	Keith Hickling	Paul Latour	
	Russell Hall	Rosa Etchinelle	
	Ronald Pierrot	Steve Hannah – Nominee	

Deborah Lewis – TAL Vice President/Investment Manager  
Jennifer Wood – TAL Investment Manager

Convened at 9:30 a.m.

#### 1. TAL Investments

- Presentation, entitled “*Wildlife Studies Fund – September 2005*” tabled
- No international component
- Defensive strategy for Fixed Income Class (Bonds) – prepared for yields to increase, interest rates to increase, and bonds to decrease; typically Bonds outperform
- Canadian Equity strategy – positioned to benefit from strong Canadian economy (weighted to energy sector)
- Benefited from Income Trusts; selection of individual companies make up diversified income trust (mainly oil/gas)
- Defensive strategy for US Equities – positioned for strong economy but due to Hurricane Katrina, slower markets in the short term; US market has broader diversification
- Investment in alternative energy sector (socially responsible stocks)? Currently not invested b/c either too volatile or international component
- Suggest: reallocate weight from either Money Market Class or Fixed Income Class to Income Trusts (leave equity classes alone); move 2% into alternative energy portfolio

**ACTION (ED):** To provide notes to Members and to have conference call to recommend any changes to portfolio before the end of October 2005

Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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**Meeting reconvened @ 10:35 a.m.**

**14. Caribou Wrap-up**

- Check stations along winter roads (Deline to Tulita & Fort Good Hope to Colville Lake); collect harvest information as well as aid with enforcement; federal funding available through Cumulative Impacts Monitoring Program
- Photo-census repeated in July 2006
- Need to ensure that all communities that harvest from the Bluenose Herds are cooperating (management plans)

**ACTION (ED):** To provide recommendations to Minister of Environment and Natural Resources re: check stations & July 2006 photo-census

**15. Regional Harvesting Compensation Negotiations – Deline/Tulita RRC**

- Tom Nesbitt – working on behalf of Deline & Tulita RRC to negotiate a framework for Ch. 18 – Harvesting Compensation and monitoring
- Encourage all RRCs to work together to develop a regional framework that will be used for all future developments in the Sahtu; RRCs to request funding from Land Corporations to participate; SRRB to negotiate with DIAND for additional funding

**16. Sahtu Minimum Needs Level Calculations – Jody Snortland**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Sahtu Basic Needs Level*” tabled

- Needs level should be calculated by community for the important subsistence species; lump all ducks/geese together before calculating

#### **17. Scholarship/Bursary Application**

- Scholarship Application – Jill Chinna, Architectural Technology
- Does not meet the SRRB scholarship criteria of pursuing a program in a renewable resource related field
- Provide suggestions for alternative sources, e.g. Dept of Public Works bursary

**ACTION (ED):** To provide alternative scholarship sources to Jill Chinna

#### **18. Managing Problem Wildlife & Waste**

- Norman Wells is currently the only community with any kind of monitoring at the solid waste site (dump); fencing around site, sorting large debris, recycling
- Concern about wastage of meat in spring time; add idea of “taking only what you need” to conservation-education program; ‘Report-a-Waster’

#### **19. Ruari Carthew – Master’s Thesis Support**

- Request Letter, 19 September 2005, tabled
- To develop and implement a Sahtu-specific development density plan
- Development densities are a mitigation measure that will limit the impact of future development proposals, protect traditional harvesting needs, and maintain sustainable wildlife populations in the Sahtu Settlement Area
- To be included in the Sahtu Land Use Plan

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-05-07**

- To support Ruari Carthew’s master thesis research project to develop and implement a Sahtu-specific development density plan for use in the Sahtu Land Use Plan

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To provide letter of support for Ruari Carthew’s master thesis re: Sahtu-specific development densities

#### **20. Deline Knowledge Centre Support**

- Request Letter, 02 September 2005, tabled
- Strong emphasis on collaborative research, the interaction of environmental and cultural knowledge systems, and local capacity building; will augment the SRRB’s decision to develop culturally relevant resource management policies (using Dene values in resource management)
- Willing to participate in this important project through in-kind contributions and staff support & travel (up to \$1500)

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-05-08**

- To support the community of Deline’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada proposal to develop the Deline Knowledge Centre and to provide in-kind contributions, staff support & travel (up to \$1500)

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**  
**Seconded by: Paul Latour**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To provide letter of support for the community of Deline's proposal re: Deline Knowledge Centre

**21. Environmental Assessment Specialist**

- Received 30 resumes (four (4) from outside of Canada)
- Selection Committee – Rosa Etchinelle, Paul Latour & Jody Snortland

**ACTION (ED):** To forward resumes to Selection Committee ASAP and set up conference call to screen resumes

**22. Community Comments**

- Fire Management – why are fires being allowed to burn instead of suppressing them right away?; 1) fires are very expensive to fight (use values at risk to determine which fires to fight) and 2) fire can be good for creating habitat, i.e., creates good moose habitat
- Fire Suppression Crew – should be involved with community beautification during downtime; crews can be used to help community, especially with the Fire Smart Program
- Outfitted Hunting in Mountains – what happens to the meat?; meat is brought to communities (once a year to Fort Good Hope); hides should be brought back to communities to provide opportunities for girls to learn how to sew
- Low flying aircraft should be banned during trapping season; if no consultation occurring, immediately report to GNWT and DIAND
- Barge landing site for Mackenzie Gas Project pipeline – should be above Rapids at Bluefish Creek (away from community and main fishing area)

**SRRB Motion #09-15-05-09**

- To go into an in-camera session

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**  
**Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #09-15-05-10**

- To come out of the in-camera session

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #09-15-05-11**

- To compensate Janet Bayha with up to six-weeks of extended Special Leave, if she is required to leave work early due to pregnancy complications

**Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle**  
**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**23. Next Board Meeting**

- 6 – 10 or 13 – 17 February 2006, Deline

**24. Adjournment**

**SRRB Motion #09-15-05-12**

- To adjourn meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**Moved by: Russell Hall**