

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
14-16 February 2007
Norman Wells, NT**

14 February 2007

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Walter Bayha
Paul Latour
Ronald Pierrot
Keith Hickling
Rosa Etchinelle
Camilla Rabisca

STAFF

Glen Guthrie
Nicole Lights
Lori Ann Lennie
Jody Snortland

GUESTS

Richard Kochon – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Alexis Blanche – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Charlie Oudzi – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Alfred Taniton – Deline RRC
Jimmy Dillon – Deline RRC
Janine Dillon – Deline RRC
Roger Boniface – Fort Good Hope RRC
Michel Lafferty – Fort Good Hope RRC
Prescella Elton – Fort Good Hope RRC
Rodger Odgaard – Norman Wells RRC
John McDonald – Norman Wells RRC
George Campbell – Tulita RRC
Boniface Ayah – Tulita RRC
David Etchinelle – Tulita RRC
Twyla Etchinelle – Tulita RRC

Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region
Richard Popko – ENR, Sahtu Region
Boyan Tracz – ENR, Sahtu Region
Jenny Vandermeer – PAS, Sahtu Region
Tobe Halle – ENR, Sahtu Region
Jennifer Skelton – PAS, YK
Steve Deschene – INAC, Sahtu Region
Cindy Sawchuk – INAC, Sahtu Region
Kimberly Howland – DFO, Winnipeg
Rob Smith – DFO, Hay River
Mike Lowe – DFO/Hay River Métis, Hay River
Alfonz Nitsiza – WRRB

1. Call to Order

- Meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.

2. Swear in Members

- Camilla Rabisca sworn in by Cst. Colin Allen

3. Opening Prayer/Introductions

- Opening prayer by Alfred Taniton
- Round table introductions

4. Review of Agenda

SRRB Motion #02-14-07-01

- To accept the agenda as presented

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

5. Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts of interest were declared

6. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- 20-21 September 2006 Board Meeting tabled
- Action items reviewed

SRRB Motion #02-14-07-02

- To accept the 20-21 September 2006 minutes as presented

Moved by: Paul Latour

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

- 18 December 2006 Conference Call tabled
- Action items reviewed
 - Total Allowable Harvest for Bluenose-West is 4% of 18,000 = 720 caribou; this total must be shared between Sahtu, Inuvialuit and Gwich'in
 - Ensure that traditional knowledge is being used in Board decisions

SRRB Motion #02-14-07-03

- To accept the 18 December 2006 minutes as presented

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

7. Review and Acceptance of Finances

- 2007-2008 Core Budget & Work Plan tabled
- Data management increase due to obtaining an Administrator; GIS project added under Research Expenditures

SRRB Motion #02-14-07-04

- To accept the 2007-2008 Core Budget & Work Plan as presented

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To advertise the scholarship/bursary program more regularly in the North

- 31 January 2007 Financial Statement tabled
- Wildlife Studies Fund = ~ \$3.1 million; reviewed deferred revenue & equity balances

SRRB Motion #02-14-07-05

- To accept the 31 January 2007 financial statement as presented

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To provide information to the RRCs re: past usage of the Wildlife Studies Fund

8. Chairperson Update – Walter Bayha

- Reviewed recent activities: NWT Species-at-Risk Act, Bluenose Caribou Advisory Committee, Bathurst Caribou Monitoring & P Committee & North Slave Wildlife Research and Monitoring Workshop, Caribou Summit

ACTION (ED): To determine the status of involvement of Renewable Resource Boards in the NWT Board Forum

9. Agency Update – Wek’eezhii Renewable Resources Board, Alfonz Nitsiza

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Wek’eezhii Renewable Resources Board*”, tabled
- Following the January 2007 Caribou Summit, the Tlicho government, in discussion with elders, are recommending that harvest of barren-ground caribou be limited
- Public Hearing – 13-14 March 2007, Behchoko

10. Executive Director Update – Jody Snortland

- Current Traditional Knowledge Policy and TEK Policy Draft 1, dated 8 January 2007, tabled
 - Suggestions from Walter Bayha’s draft to revise current policy discussed
 - Policy needs to be usable; translated
- Harvest Study
 - Officially completed as of December 2005; final data report completed in August 2006; consultant hired to write-up final seven-year report

ACTION (ED): To solicit comments from Board Members re: draft TK policy

11. Staff Updates

- Office Manager – Lori Ann Lennie
 - Completed website course “Dreamweaver”; to take over website administration
 - Graduated from School of Community Government, “Community Finance Program”, July 2006
- Harvest Study Coordinator – Janet Bayha
 - 2007 Harvest Study Calendar completed
- Renewable Resources Communication Officer – Glen Guthrie
 - Reports, entitled “*Aboriginal Traditional Studies - Deline*”, “*Take-a-Kid Trapping – Colville Lake*”, “*Bosworth Creek Monitoring Project*”, and “*March 2007 Newsletter*”, tabled
 - Spearheading Junior Ranger Patrol in Fort Good Hope; 20 youth involved
 - Caribou School Presentations, November/December 2006
- Environmental Assessment Specialist – Nicole Lights
 - Handout, entitled “*Environmental Assessment Specialist Update, February 2007*”, tabled
 - Discussions: low level flying and affects on wildlife species; development densities; seismic line widths

12. RRC Updates

- Behdzi Ahda’ RRC – Richard Kochon, President
 - Community conducted own caribou survey and conclude that more than 18,000 Bluenose-West Caribou; wolves play a huge part in caribou management
 - Concern about helicopters/aircraft and noise
- Norman Wells RRC – John McDonald, Member
 - Concern about harvesting and exporting trees from private lands; land claim wording “affected RRC” unclear

- Encourage all RRCs to meet together more regularly besides SRRB meetings
- Deline RRC – Alfred Taniton, Member
 - Many barren-ground caribou did not migrate to Kugluktuk; were these animals counted during the photo surveys? Has the impact of fire on barren-ground caribou been examined?
 - Suggested better involvement of community and regional organizations for better cooperation and less controversy over survey results
- Fort Good Hope RRC – Roger Boniface, President
 - Respect what Colville Lake and Deline are saying about the caribou b/c they live with them but must also listen to scientific information; therefore, it is difficult to make recommendations
 - Concerns about wolves and development; increasing numbers of beavers and no trappers
 - Suggested to put monies towards on-the-land surveys instead of aerial surveys (less costly)
- Tulita RRC – Boniface Ayah, Member
 - Concern about the lack of respect for animals; lots of wastage seen at dumps

ACTION (ED): To clarify the term affected Renewable Resource Council

13. Agency Update – Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Rob Smith, Mike Lowe & Kimberly Howland

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Presentation to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board*”, and “*Yeltea Lake Fish Study, 2006/07*”, tabled
- Reports and posters, entitled, “*Yeltea Lake Fish Study, 2006*”, “*Sandy Lake Fish Study, 2004*”, and “*Loon Lake Fish Study, 2005*”, tabled
- Concern: No fisheries biologist in the Sahtu

ACTION (ED): To write letter to DFO requesting a fisheries biologist to be stationed in the Sahtu

Meeting recessed @ 4:55 p.m.

15 February 2007

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Janelle Horassi – Norman Wells RRC
George Campbell – Tulita RRC
Boniface Ayah – Tulita RRC
Twyla Etchinelle – Tulita RRC

Rob Smith – DFO, Hay River
Mike Lowe – DFO/Hay River Métis, Hay River
Deborah Simmons – SENES, YK
Harold Grinde – AMMO

Meeting reconvened @ 9:20 a.m.

14. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources, Alasdair Veitch, Jenny Vandermeer, Jennifer Skelton, Boyan Tracz, & Keith Hickling

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Wildlife Update – SRRB, February 2007*”, “”, “*Important Wildlife Areas Project – Presentation to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, February 2007*”, “*Boreal woodland caribou in the Sahtu – Feb 2007, SRRB update*”, tabled
- Report, entitled “*Environment and Natural Resources Agency Update – Field Operations*”, tabled
- PAS initiatives ongoing: Ts’ude’hliline-Tuyetah – interim land withdrawal; Sayoue/Edacho – in discussions with Parks Canada; Begadeh – Parks Canada has taken lead; Edaiila – on hold until Sayoue/Edacho completed
- Plans to deploy additional collars on Boreal Woodland Caribou in March 2007; require SRRB and all community RRCs signatures on research permit
- Recommendations for regulation change to ENR Minister should be finalized by March 2007

15. Agency Update – Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, Cindy Sawchuk & Steve Deschene

- PowerPoint Presentation and report, entitled “*Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Sahtu Update, February 2007*” and “*Sahtu Activity Newsletter February 2007*”, tabled
- Concerns raised: seismic line widths, storage of fuel barrels, environmental monitor’s report and job protection for monitors

16. Agency Update – Canadian Wildlife Service, Paul Latour

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Shorebird Surveys in the Mackenzie Valley*”, tabled

ACTION (ED): To research the North Slavey names for shorebirds

17. Funding Proposal Presentation – Kimberly Howland

- Funding proposals, entitled “*Modeling of migratory patterns to spawning and over-wintering areas of harvested fish species in rivers along the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Route aka Mackenzie River Fish Tagging Study*”, “*Monitoring of lake trout stocks in Great Bear Lake*”, and “*Mortality rates of lake trout released in the sport fishery of Great Bear Lake*”, tabled
- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Modeling of migratory patterns to spawning and over-wintering areas of harvested fish species in rivers along the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Route aka Mackenzie River Fish Tagging Study*” and “*Updates and proposals for fisheries studies on Great Bear Lake*”, tabled
- Reports and posters, entitled “*Mackenzie River Fish Tagging Study 2004/2005, 2005/2006 & 2006/2007*”, “*Assessment and stock composition of lake trout in the Russell Bay and Manitou Island areas of Keith Arm, Great Bear Lake, 2006*”, and

“Assessment of stock composition of Great Bear Lake trout by basin: McTavish Arm 2004/Smith Arm 2006”, tabled

18. Funding Proposal Presentation – Alasdair Veitch

- Funding proposals, entitled *“Surveys of Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Herds of Barren-ground Caribou”* and *“Community-based Monitoring of Wildlife & Wildlife Health in the Sahtu”*, tabled
- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled *“Sahtu Region Wildlife Management Project Funding Submissions to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board 2007/08”*, tabled

19. Funding Proposal Presentation – Boyan Tracz

- Funding proposal, entitled *“Ecology of the Muskox below treeline in the Sahtu”*, tabled
- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled *“Ecology of the Muskox below treeline in the Sahtu – Funding Proposal to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board 2007-2008”*, tabled
- Question raised: why no moose research? This species is being targeted heavily due to declines in barren-ground caribou populations and the most current information is becoming out-of-date

ACTION (ED): To write letter to ENR to initiate new moose research for management purposes

20. Funding Proposal Presentation – Deborah Simmons

- Funding Proposal, *“Dene and Métis Ways of Respecting the Land”*, tabled
- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled *“Dene N ower  Chets’el  – Dene and M tis Ways of Respecting the Land – A Traditional Knowledge Research Framework 2007-2010”*, tabled
- Concerns raised about sharing of knowledge and being used against the communities in the regulatory process

Meeting recessed @ 4:50 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened @ 9:10 a.m.

21. An Analysis of Recent Historical & Future Vegetation changes Along the Mackenzie Valley, NWT – Ruth Errington, Canadian Forestry Service

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “An Analysis of Recent Historical and Future Vegetation Changes along the Mackenzie Valley, NWT – An outline of proposed fieldwork for the summer of 2007”, tabled
- Ten potential Sahtu locations to establish permanent plots (between Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells, Brackett Lake)
- Unable to determine how collapse scars originate but develop over hundreds of years
- Suggestion to hire local youth to assist with fieldwork

22. Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters’ Presentation – Harold Grinde

- Report, entitled “Presentation to SRRB, Norman Wells, February 15, 2007”, tabled
- Currently, no Aboriginal guides in the Sahtu
- Harvest ~220 sheep annually; ~8000 lbs of meat sent to communities annually (not all camps are equipped with freezers)
- Scholarship program to award \$1000/ year to three students entering into wildlife management related schooling; possibility to do in conjunction with SRRB’s scholarship program
- Concerned about ATV, jet boat & helicopter access
- Request to open grizzly bear season (two bears/outfit/year)

ACTION (Keith Hickling): To provide AMMO – GNWT correspondence to the SRRB office

**** RRC Caucus** – to review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding research priorities

23. RRC Funding Priorities

- Priority list for funding proposals (1st to 8th)

Project	<i>Deline</i>	<i>Fort Good Hope</i>	<i>Norman Wells</i>	<i>Tulita</i>
Surveys of Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Herds of Barren-Ground Caribou	6	1	2	1
Community-Based Monitoring of Wildlife Health in the Sahtu	5	3	3	8
Ecology of the Muskox Below Treeline in the Sahtu	4	4	4	5
Monitoring of Lake Trout Stocks in Great Bear Lake	2	5	5	4
Mortality Rates of Lake Trout Released in the Sport Fishery of Great Bear Lake	3	7	6	3
Mackenzie River Fish Tagging	7	6	7	7
Monitoring Mercury Levels in Fish at Lac Ste. Therese & Birch Lake, NT	8	8	8	6
Dene and Métis Ways of Respecting the Land	1	2	1	2

24. Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- Management Plan for the Northern Mountain Caribou in Canada, 19-21 March 2007, Whitehorse – Rosa Etchinelle to sit as SRRB member on Technical Advisory Team
- Dene Cultural Institute's Traditional Knowledge Workshop, 21-23 March 2007, Hay River – Deborah Simmons to attend and present on SRRB behalf

25. In- Camera Session

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-06

- To go into an in-camera session

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

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-07

- To come out of the in-camera session

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

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-08

- To go into an in-camera session

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle
Seconded by: Paul Latour
Carried Unanimously

**** Walter Bayha declared conflict re: Janet Bayha and left room**

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-09

- To come out of the in-camera session

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

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-10

- To give Janet Bayha \$2500.00 in recognition of eight years of service to the Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study

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

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-11

- To support the establishment of a series of permanent plots for quantitative re-measurement of ecological features along the planned Mackenzie Valley Pipeline corridor

Moved by: Paul Latour
Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle
Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write a letter of support to the Canadian Forestry Service re: establishing permanent plots along the planned Mackenzie Valley Pipeline corridor and, if possible, to request that local youth be hired to assist

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-12

- To approve the following research projects for the listed costs:
 - Surveys of Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Herds of Barren-Ground Caribou – \$35,500
 - Community-Based Monitoring of Wildlife & Wildlife Health in the Sahtu – \$23,600
 - Ecology of the Muskox Below Treeline in the Sahtu – \$20,000
 - Monitoring of Lake Trout Stocks in Great Bear Lake – \$31,000
 - Mackenzie River Fish Tagging – \$20,500
 - Monitoring Mercury Levels in Fish at Lac Ste. Therese & birch Lake, NT – \$12,000
 - Dene and Métis Ways of Respecting the Land – \$40,041
- The total funding of \$182,641.00 will be taken as follows from the Core Budget and Wildlife Studies Fund:
 - Core – \$8,591.87
 - Wildlife Studies Fund – \$174,049.13

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle
Seconded by: Paul Latour
Carried Unanimously

26. Next Board Meeting

- 10-14 or 17-21 September 2007, Fort Good Hope

27. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #02-16-07-13

- To adjourn meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Moved by: Keith Hickling