

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
12-13 September 2007
Fort Good Hope, NT**

12 September 2007

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Walter Bayha
Paul Latour
Camilla Rabisca
Rosa Etchinelle
Robert Kelly

STAFF

Glen Guthrie
Nicole Lights
Lori Ann Lennie
Jody Snortland

GUESTS

Joey Dillon – Deline RRC
Victoria Takazo – Deline RRC
Roger Boniface – Fort Good Hope RRC
Harry Harris – Fort Good Hope RRC
Tammy Proctor – Fort Good Hope RRC
Jackie McDonald – Norman Wells RRC
Mandy McDonald – Norman Wells RRC
Wilfred Lennie Sr. – Tulita RRC
Edward MacCauley – Tulita RRC
Andy Horassi – Tulita RRC
Alphonsine McNeely – Translator
Rose McNeely – Translator
Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region
Boyan Tracz – ENR, Sahtu Region
Jenny Vandermeer – PAS, Sahtu Region
Val Gordon – INAC, Mineral Division
Harvey Pierrot – INAC, Mineral Division
Lorraine Tremblay – CGA
Fred Pierrot – SSI

George Govier – SLWB
John T'seleie – SLUPB
Frank T'seleie – Chief
Isadore Manuel – Yamoga Land Corp
Arthur Tobac – Yamoga Land Corp
Edwin Erutse – Yamoga Land Corp
Norman Pierrot – Public
Evelyn Shae – Public
George Grandjambe – Public
Lawrence Manuel – Public
James Caesar – Public
Barthy Cotchilly – Public
Gene Rabisca – Public
Rosa Grandjambe – Public
Peter Mountain – Public
Danny Masazumi – Public
Elizabeth Kelly – Public
Gabe Kochon – Public

1. Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer by Walter Bayha

2. Call to Order/Introductions

- Meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.
- Round table introductions

3. Review of Agenda

- Change item #3 & 4 to Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.; Item #13 change Dolphus Tutcho to Joey Dillon

SRRB Motion #09-12-07-01

- To accept the agenda with revisions above

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

4. Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts of interest were declared

5. Review and Acceptance of Finances

- 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statement tabled by Lorraine Tremblay, CGA
- Deficit \$89,785 due to Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF); WSF over \$100K deficit b/c only earned \$85K (less than 3% of the fund)

SRRB Motion #09-12-07-02

- To accept the 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statement as presented

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

- 31 August 2007 Financial Statement tabled
- Scholarship fund – no distributions to date; no professional development to date

SRRB Motion #09-12-07-03

- To accept the 31 August 2007 financial statement as presented

Moved by: Paul Latour

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To review the scholarship/bursary criteria

6. Swear in Member

- Robert Kelly sworn in by Cpl. John Kelly

7. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- 14-16 February 2007 Board Meeting tabled
- Action items reviewed; incomplete – solicit comments from Members re: TK policy, legal opinion about term “affected RRC”, and letter to DFO requesting biologist in Saktu

SRRB Motion #09-12-07-04

- To accept the 14-16 February 2007 minutes as presented

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

- 3 August 2007 Conference Call tabled
- Action items reviewed

SRRB Motion #09-12-07-05

- To accept the 3 August 2007 minutes as presented

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

8. Chairperson Update – Walter Bayha

- Reviewed recent activities: NWT Board Forum, Fur Institute of Canada AGM, Science in the Changing North Conference, SARA Working Group meetings, Taking Care of the Land Camp, Edaiila – PAS candidate area, Bluenose Caribou Advisory Group

ACTION (ED): To ensure that annual outfitters reports are being sent to RRCs; find out what outfitters do with different parts of animals harvested; find out process for outfitter licence renewal and tag distribution

9. Executive Director Update – Jody Snortland

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Canada’s Northwest Territories Biodiversity Action Plan*” and “*SRRB Report for SSI Annual General Meeting*”, tabled
- Reports, entitled “*Draft Species at Risk Act by Merrill Shepard*”, “*SRRB’s Issues of Concern*”, and “*Implementation Plan Chapter 13 – SRRB Activities*”, tabled

10. Staff Updates

- Office Manager – Lori Ann Lennie
 - Received diploma from School of Community Government, “Community Finance Program”, January 2007
- Environmental Assessment Specialist – Nicole Lights
 - Report, entitled “*Environmental Assessment Specialist Update, September 2007*”, tabled
 - Discussions: wildlife monitor feedback forms, security deposits
- Renewable Resources Communication Officer – Glen Guthrie
 - Reports, entitled “*2007-2008 School Youth Projects*”, tabled
 - Canadian Forces has agreed to teach map and compass work for Fort Good Hope project

11. RRC Updates

- Fort Good Hope RRC – Roger Boniface, President
 - Contracts with industry (monitoring) and ENR (forest fires); monies collected used to contribute to on-the-land and other cultural activities
 - Involvement in access & benefit negotiations and the PAS process for Ts’ude niline Tu’eyeta
- Tulita RRC – Wilfred Lennie Sr., President
 - Monitoring contracts with industry (oil/gas/mining); monies used to aid harvesters (gas & equipment); hosting a Monitor Training Course – October 2007 in Tulita
 - Concern about harvest by non-beneficiaries; revise the Harvest Study to keep track of harvest in the Sahtu
 - Limited funds available; unable to attend many workshops/conferences
- Deline RRC – Joey Dillon, Member
 - Contracts with industry and researchers for monitors; however, shortage of people available
 - Provide support for on-the-land programs (gas & equipment); limited funding available; require non-beneficiaries to request access to harvest
 - Often difficult to get information from Land Corp that is needed by the RRC to make decisions
- Norman Wells RRC – Jackie McDonald, Member
 - Contracts with industry for monitors
 - Provide travel assistance for spring/fall hunts; cabin packages

- Northern Lights Uranium – 200 man camp at Mile 222 – no permits obtained; camp shut down after inspection by INAC and Tulita District Land Corp
- Behdzi Ahda' RRC – no delegates in attendance

12. Agency Update – Sahtu Land & Water Board (SLWB), George Govier

- Presentation, entitled “*Land Use Permits & Water Licences – Presentation to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, September 11-13, 2007*”, tabled
- Change in emphasis from oil/gas to minerals
- SLWB does not collect security deposits (only recommend amount), rather INAC; Imperial Oil has \$30 million deposit held by National Energy Board (NEB)
- Terms & conditions have been upgraded over time, including the use of environmental monitors; no way to enforce that monitors be hired through RRCs
- To date, no outfitters require land use permit or water licence; Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters has requested to be added to the referral agency list

13. Agency Update – Sahtu Land Use Planning Board, John T'seleie

- Handouts, entitled “*Update for SRRB – September 2007*” and “*Sahtu Land Use Plan, Discussion Draft, August 2007*”, tabled
- Plan has not been presented to the Joint Review Panel (JRP); rather, letter indicating that JRP recommend to the NEB that the Sahtu Land Use Plan be completed before pipeline construction begins; Chair to attend ‘Recommendations’ Hearing in November 2007

14. Agency Update – Industry & Northern Affairs Canada, Val Gordon & Harvey Pierrot

- Harvey Pierrot, Mineral Development Advisor
- Visited communities in June 2007 to discuss mineral & petroleum work in the Sahtu

15. Agency Update – Sahtu Secretariat Inc., Fred Pierrot

- Recently hired as the Lands & Resource Manager Trainee
- Work includes: review of land use permits, water licences & research permits, attendance at various workshops/conferences
- MVEIRB & Tulita District scoping sessions planned: Oct 9-10 in Tulita & Oct 11 in Norman Wells

Meeting recessed @ 4:38 p.m.

12 September 2007 – CONFERENCE CALL

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Deborah Lewis – CIBC Investment Manager

Call convened @ 5:00 p.m.

16. CIBC Asset Management Update – Deborah Lewis

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*CIBC Asset Management – Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, September 11, 2007*”, tabled
- Past managing style – value added; portfolio underperformed due in part to Bonds (interest rates increasing: bonds decreasing); change to index class mandate which will see outperformance over time
- CIBC doesn’t invest in third party commercial paper due to underlying market problems; Govt of Canada bonds are good; volatility in fixed income increasing; high profile bonds in portfolio; bonds provide stability over time (steady returns); however, returns will not be as high (max 4-5%) as they have been in the past (up to 11%)
- Canadian equities – less diversified; underweight in both Industrials and Info Tech which impacted portfolio; CIBC doesn’t get into all up market stocks as this protects clients much better during down markets
- US Equities – broader range of returns; equities have risk involved but get 7-10% returns
- Income trusts – in 2011, Govt of Canada will begin to tax income trusts; some income trusts will cease to exist over time; this will be a big impact to portfolio; suggest leave as is b/c market is currently reacting to short term issue

ACTION (ED): Discuss with Deborah the difference between distribution and rate of return

Call adjourned @ 5:55 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened @ 9:10 a.m.

17. Agency Update – Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), Paul Latour

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Proposed Listing of Common Nighthawks under the Species at Risk Act*”, tabled
- Ts’ude niline Tu’eyeta Protected Area – land withdrawal in Ottawa; mineral assessment completed Summer 2007; review of ecological assessment at working group meeting in October 2007; fire during Summer 2007
- Addition of species to Schedule 1 of the Federal Species at Risk Act
 - Common Nighthawk – Threatened
 - Peregrine Falcon – Species of Special Concern; five year survey schedule should continue; managed under NWT Wildlife Act b/c bird of prey

SRRB Motion #09-13-07-06

- To support the re-listing of the Common Nighthawk, as Threatened, and the Peregrine Falcon, as Species of Special Concern, to Schedule 1 of SARA

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write letter to Michelle Brenning, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service, to add Common Nighthawk and Peregrine Falcon onto Schedule 1 of the Federal SARA

18. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Alasdair Veitch, Jenny Vandermeer & Boyan Tracz

- PowerPoint Presentations and handouts, entitled “*Barren-ground Caribou Distribution and Classification Surveys – Summer 2007*”, “*Ecology of the Muskox below Treeline in the Sahtu*”, “*Boreal Woodland Caribou in the Sahtu – September 2007 Update*”, “*NWT Protected Areas Strategy Update – September 2007*”, “*Sahtu Region Protected Areas Strategy Update – August 2007*”, and “*Summary Report – Learning Communities Network Workshop, May 27-31, 2007, Tofino, BC*”, tabled
- Keith Hickling – appointed as Superintendent
- Advertise for Senior Enforcement Officer and Renewable Resource Officer (RRO) for Deline; possibility for Deline RRO trainee; GIS Specialist position advertised and short-listed
- 30 fires during season; 116,000 ha (1200 km²) burned; largest fire (Carcajou River to Mountains) 90,000 ha (800 km²)
- Protected Areas Strategy terminology booklet created (North Slavey)
- Caribou hit by lightning in Nunavut – 12-15 caribou were not collared; found by RRO
- Request for ENR to host a workshop to show how to properly handle muskox (skinning, butchering, etc)

ACTION (ED): Forward information about caribou killed by lightning to all RRCs

19. Agency Update – Yamoga Land Corporation, Isadore Manuel

- Boundary negotiations with Kaska First Nation in Yukon; traditional use by both K’ahsho Got’ine & Tulita Districts (reciprocal rights)

20. Public Hearing – Bluenose-West Caribou Herd

- Letter, dated 3 August 2007, to ENR Minister tabled
- As per Sahtu Land Claim Agreement Section 13.8.21(b), the SRRB is required to hold a hearing before implementing a total allowable harvest and Sahtu needs level

- Procedural matters to be reviewed; solicit legal counsel; timing/location – week of Nov 19th in Fort Good Hope (three days); request funding from Implementation Directorate, INAC

ACTION (ED): To solicit legal counsel and request funding from INAC for public hearing

21. Improved Caribou Protection Measures – Edaiila, Alasdair Veitch & Joey Dillon

- PowerPoint Presentation , entitled “*How Mobile Caribou Protection Measures Could Work for Edaiila*”, tabled
- Partners – Deline RRC, SRRB, ENR and INAC; to develop and implement mobile caribou protection measures for Edaiila; pilot project to determine if measures work

SRRB Motion #09-13-07-07

- To recommend that representatives of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment & Natural Resources – Government of the Northwest Territories, Deline Renewable Resource Council, and SRRB discuss, on a priority basis and as a pilot project, the development and implementation of improved caribou protection measures for the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd within the candidate Edaiila Conservation Zone/Protected Area

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write letter to ENR & INAC Ministers to support pilot study to develop and implement improved mobile caribou protection measures within candidate Edaiila Protected Area

22. Moose Management & Research – Alasdair Veitch

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Moose Studies in the Sahtu 1980-2007*”, tabled
- Community monitoring – possible pilot studies with Fort Good Hope and Tulita RRCs; ENR to meet with RRCs to develop moose monitoring program
- Aerial surveys – different methods from Gassaway (currently used)

23. Monitor Rates of Pay

- Handout, entitled “*Stream Surveys in the Sahtu Settlement Area*”, tabled
- Encourage RRCs to develop a two-tier rate scale for industry and researchers

24. ED Trainee Position – Tulita RRC

- Concern – why no trainee position established; to be an all beneficiary office in the future
- Trainee position was advertised but no suitable candidates applied; Board determined that position not required at this time

25. Bluenose-West Caribou Total Allowable Harvest Distribution

- WMAC (NWT) request (17 April 2007) to increase Inuvialuit distribution of Bluenose-West Caribou; leave as is
- Memorandum of Understanding: Cooperation on Wildlife – the advisory committee will exchange information, help develop cooperation and consensus and make recommendations regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat issues that cross land claim agreement and treaty area boundaries, including Bluenose Caribou

SRRB Motion #09-13-07-08

- To sign the Memorandum of Understanding: Co-operation on Wildlife Management as presented

Moved by: Paul Latour

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write letter to WMAC (NWT) to leave Bluenose-West Caribou Total Allowable Harvest Distribution as is

26. Mackenzie River Heritage Designation

- Handout, entitled "*Backgrounder – Nominating the Mackenzie River to be a Canadian Heritage River*", tabled
- Request for funding to hold workshop in Fort Good Hope; not SRRB mandate – NO

27. Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp

- Consultation Paper, entitled "*Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp: Options for Generating and Managing Conservation Revenues*", tabled
- Unclear why consulting with SRRB; no comments

28. Chairman Position

- Walter's term ends: June 9, 2008

SRRB Motion #09-13-07-09

- To nominate Walter Bayha for Chair of the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board for another five-year term

Moved by: Camilla Rabisca

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write letter to Minister of INAC to nominate Walter Bayha as Chair

29. Next Board Meeting

- February 2008, Deline

30. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #09-13-07-10

- To adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Moved by: Robert Kelly