

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
15-17 September 2009
Fort Good Hope, NT**

15 September 2009

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Keith Hickling
Camilla Rabisca
Robert Kelly
Leonard Kenny
Patrick Bobinski
Gordon Zealand

STAFF

Lori Ann Lennie
Glen Guthrie
Andrea Hrynkiw
Jody Snortland
Walter Bayha – Special Representative
Chris Hopkins – ED Candidate

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Lorraine Tremblay – CGA
Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region
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Paul Rivard – ENR, Sahtu Region
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Deborah Simmons – U of M
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Georgina Kakfwi – Public
Henry Tobac – Public
Wilfred McNeely Jr. – Public
Charlie Tobac – Public
Edward Kelly – Public
Maurice Charney – Public
Shawn Tobac – Public
Rebecca Turo – Public
Barthy Cotchilly – Public
George Voudrach – Public
Charlotte Jackson – Public
Isadore Manuel – Public

1. Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer by Alphonsine McNeely

2. Appoint Chair

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-01

- To appoint Walter Bayha as Chair for September 15-17, 2009 meeting

Moved by: Gordon Zealand

Seconded by: Leonard Kenny

Carried Unanimously

3. Call to Order/Introductions

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

4. Review of Agenda

- September 15-17 agenda tabled

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-02

- To accept the agenda as presented

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

5. Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts of interest were declared

6. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- 10-12 February 2009 board meeting and 5 May 2009 conference call minutes tabled
- Action items tabled and reviewed; no formal response received from L. Aglukak re: Walter Bayha's appointment

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-03

- To accept the 10-12 February 2009 minutes as presented

Moved by: Leonard Kenny

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-04

- To accept the 5 May 2009 conference call minutes as presented

Moved by: Gordon Zealand

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

7. Review and Acceptance of Finances

- **2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement**
 - 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement tabled
 - CIBC Asset Management manages the Wildlife Studies Fund; management fees average ~\$2000 per quarter
 - Increased revenue shown for 2008 due to additional funds received from Implementation Committee for November 2007 public hearing

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-05

- To accept the 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement as presented

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski

Seconded by: Robert Kelly

Carried Unanimously

- 31 August 2009 financial statement tabled

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-06

- To accept the 31 August 2009 financial statement as presented

Moved by: Robert Kelly
Seconded by: Gordon Zealand
Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To provide comparative financial statements with previous fiscal year

8. New Business

a) Bluenose Caribou Herd Photo-census Results, Alasdair Veitch

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Update on Bluenose-West & Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds, 2009*”, tabled
- Population estimate for Bluenose-West caribou: 17,897; no population estimate determined for Bluenose-East caribou due to poor weather conditions; no harvest estimate since 2005
- Recommendations to ENR Minister required: 1) what to do with the Bluenose-East Herd in 2010 and 2) what management restrictions should remain for Bluenose-West Herd

9. Wildlife Health Monitor Program Overview, Susan Kutz & Alasdair Veitch

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Overview of the Sahtu Wildlife Health Program, 2003-2009*”, Veterinary Parasitology Journal article, entitled “*The Arctic as a model for anticipating, preventing, and mitigating climate change impacts on host-parasite interactions*”, and Sahtu School Outreach Program: information Dissemination report tabled
- Overall health quite good for moose and caribou
- Winter ticks in moose and woodland caribou increasing (not seen in barren-ground caribou), which is consistent with increasing temperatures and moose populations
- Recent TK interviews noted green slimy ‘stuff’ found under skin of caribou; currently investigating (possible parasite)

ACTION (SRRB): To provide feedback on the Wildlife Health Program

10. SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012

- SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012 tabled

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-07

- To adopt the SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012 as presented

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski
Seconded by: Gordon Zealand
Carried Unanimously

11. Review and Approve Scholarship Applications

- James T’seleie and Leeroy Andre’s Scholarship Applications tabled

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-08

- To award a second year scholarship (\$2500) to James T’seleie

Moved by: Robert Kelly
Seconded by: Gordon Zealand
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-15-09-09

- To award a second year scholarship (\$2500) to Leeroy Andre

Moved by: Robert Kelly

Seconded by: Leonard Kenny

Carried Unanimously

12. Fire Smart Program – Community Protection, Paul Rivard & Travis Abbey

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*ENR/FMD Community Protection Program: Managing the Risk*”, Handout, entitled, “*Community Wildland Fire Protection Planning*”, and FireSmart Workbook and Home Owner Manual tabled
- 2009 – slowest fire season on record
- Norman Wells community protection plan to be completed by Oct 30, 2009; Fort Good Hope plan to be developed during 2010/2011 fiscal year
- FireSmart Fund being developed, which would be applied for by communities to develop protection plans

13. SRRB Roles & Responsibilities related to Parks Canada, Lee Montgomery

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Parks Canada Initiatives in the Sahtu*”, and Handouts, entitled, “*Proposed Creation of Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve – Sahtu Community Update #1, February 2009*” and “*New Parks North, Newsletter 18, March 2009*”, tabled
- SRRB participated in Harvesting Regimes Workshop in May 2009; provided comment on Impact & Benefits Agreement – Section 9 (involvement of SRRB)
- Management Board created for Saoyú and ?ehdacho, with Parks office in Déline (\$7 million budget)
- Visitor centre will be established in Tulita for the Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve; overlap consultations occurring with Deh Cho First Nations and Kaska First Nation; Nááts’ihch’oh is a landform description of a sharp mountain /peak, not porcupine

Meeting recessed @ 4:25 p.m.

16 February 2009

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George Govier – SLWB
Ida Mak – SLUPB
Edna Tobac – SLUPB
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Kelly Austin – DFO

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Paul Rivard – ENR, Sahtu Region
Travis Abbey – ENR, Ft. Smith Office
Lee Montgomery – Parks Canada
Deborah Simmons – U of M
Roger McMillan – U of A
Morag McPherson – DFO
Gerald Fillatre – DFO
Josef MacLeod – DFO

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James Caesar – Public
Wilfred McNeely – Public
Alphonsine McNeely – Public

Meeting reconvened @ 9:15 a.m.

** Recognize Glen Guthrie for winning the Fur Institute of Canada's Lloyd Cook Award. The Lloyd Cook was created by the Fur Institute of Canada in 1991, in memory of Mr. Cook's commitment to *excellence in trapping, trapper education and public understanding of wildlife management.*

14. Sahtu Caribou Traditional Knowledge Study, Deborah Simmons

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Ekwç Hé Naidé: Living with Caribou, Traditional Knowledge Program 2005-2009*", tabled
- Dene terminology is very complex; the meaning of terms can vary significantly by dialect

ACTION (D. Simmons): To provide a plain-language written summary of presentation

15. Social Impacts of Changes in the Barren-ground Caribou Herds, Roger MacMillan

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Social Impacts of Changes in the Barren-ground Caribou Herds: Country- meat Sharing and the Livelihoods of K'ahso Got'ine Peoples*" and Handout, entitled, "*Kilograms of Country Meats Harvested per Capita per Year*", tabled
- Plans to include meat brought into community from outfitter camps but unsure of how at this point

16. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Alasdair Veitch & Keith Hickling

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*NWT Protected Areas Strategy: Sahtu Update*" and Handout, entitled, "*NWT Protected Areas Strategy – Sahtu Settlement Area Update: September 2009*", tabled
- Staff: RRO Trainee – Leeroy Andre, Forestry Officer Trainee – Chris Tourangeau, Cumulative Effects Biologist – Heather Sayine-Crawford, Environmental Protection Officer – Jason Salter
- Current projects: Wildlife Act revisions, Species at Risk Act implementation, Bluenose Caribou Management Plan development, Forestry activities (sawmills and forest inventories)
- Fur prices set to decline in 2010; however, marten advance will remain at \$65

17. Agency Update – Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), Deanna Leonard, Kelly Austin & Morag McPherson

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Presentation to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, September 16, 2009*”, tabled
- DFO is responsible for fish; INAC is responsible for health; EC is responsible for contaminants

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

- Handouts, entitled “*Implementation Annual Report 2008-2009 of the Sahtu Land & Water Board*” and “*Workload, November 2008 to March 2009*”, tabled
- 10th Annual Technical Training Workshop, Nov 5-6, 2009, Norman Wells
- To require a Land Use Permit, a vehicle must weigh at least five tonnes

19. Agency Update – Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB), Ida Mak & Edna Tobac

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled, “*Sahtu Land Use Plan – Draft 2, Community Consultations*” and Handout, entitled, “*Draft 2, Sahtu Land Use Plan*”, tabled
- Community feedback extremely important; consultation summary shows poor turn out
- Final draft to be submitted to SSI for approval in 2011

** **RRC Caucus** – RRC representatives left to meet together to discuss common issues

20. Special Representative Update, Walter Bayha

- Handout, entitled “*Update, SRRB Meeting Sept 14-18, 2009*”, tabled

Meeting recessed @ 4:35 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened @ 9:10 a.m.

21. Agency Update – Canadian Wildlife Service, Donna Mulders

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Working Together to Recover Boreal Caribou*” and “*Horned Grebe, Western Population – Proposed Listing as Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act*” tabled
- PAS Update – CWS is the sponsoring agency for the Ts’ude’hliline-Tuyetah Candidate Area (currently considering boundary options) and the Shúhtagot’ine Néné Candidate Area (currently land withdrawal granted)
- Conducting workshops in communities to ensure that Aboriginal TK is considered in the national recovery strategy for Boreal Woodland Caribou
- Horned Grebe – long term monitoring shows a decline of 45% since the mid-1960s

SRRB Motion #02-17-09-10

- To support the listing of Horned Grebe, as Species of Special Concern, to Schedule 1 of the SARA

Moved by: Robert Kelly

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write support letter to Virginia Poter, Director General of CWS re: listing of Horned Grebe on the SARA Schedule 1

ACTION (ED): To provide recommendations to D. Mulders re: Sahtu consultations and boreal caribou ATK/TEK

22. RRC Update, Valerie Yakeleya on behalf of RRC Caucus

- Insufficient funding to run programs
- Sept 25-26, Tulita – RRC workshop with Rick Hardy re: roles & responsibilities
- Support letter to SSI from SRRB; suggest meeting between leaders and RRCs to discuss vastness of mandate and funding needs; RRCs to write own letters to SSI

ACTION (ED): To write letter to SSI supporting RRC’s search for adequate funding and support from Sahtu leadership

23. Staff Updates

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*SRRB Extravaganza, September 15-17, 2009*” and Handout, entitled, “”, tabled

** Due to another commitment, Walter Bayha requested that Keith Hickling chair the remainder of the meeting

24. Executive Director Update, Jody Snortland

- Still awaiting word from the Privy Council Office re: Walter Bayha’s reappointment

- Interviews completed for the Executive Director competition; Christopher Hopkins brought to Fort Good Hope for further interviews
- Bluenose Caribou Management Plan – community engagements are planned for all stakeholder communities in October – December 2009; information gathered will be used to draft a management plan; verification of information will occur in the new fiscal year
- Wildlife Act Revisions – tabled meeting schedule and public information documents (to be distributed in December 2009)
- Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, Public Hearing, Inuvik, 23 Sept 2009 – Jody to present on behalf of the SRRB; key items to stress: 1) contingency plans for spills in the Mackenzie River, 2) enforcement of commercial traffic (Plumber’s barge) and fisheries, 3) navigational aids on Great Bear Lake (none since 1976), 4) improper funding for RRCs (unable to deal properly with SLCA implementation issues)
- Consultation Rules and Procedures – tabled Gwich’in Renewable Resource Board’s document for Board consideration

25. In-Camera Session

SRRB Motion #09-17-09-11

- To go in camera at 2:12 p.m.

Moved by: Gordon Zealand

Seconded by: Leonard Kenny

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-17-09-12

- To come out of camera at 4:36 p.m.

Moved by: Robert Kelly

Seconded by: Gordon Zealand

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-17-09-13

- To recommend that the management restrictions for the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd remain in place

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To write letter to the Minister of ENR re: Bluenose-West Caribou Herd management restrictions

ACTION (ED): To write letter to the Sahtu Region Superintendent of ENR to wait until 2012 to conduct another photo-census for the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd

SRRB Motion #09-17-09-14

- To accept the recommendation of the Hiring Committee to select Christopher Hopkins as the successful candidate for Executive Director and to start at the Step 1 pay scale

Moved by: Gordon Zealand
Seconded by: Leonard Kenny
Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To prepare a letter of offer to Christopher Hopkins for the Executive Director position

ACTION (ED): To write letter to SSI re: right of first refusal responsibility (S.13.7.5 SLCA) and communication of wildlife matters within the Sahtu Region

ACTION (ED): To write letter to Minister of ENR re: establishment of a critical wildlife area at Mile 222 (Redstone Caribou Herd), to CWS re: support establishment of a critical wildlife area at Mile 222 under the current NWT Wildlife Act and to prohibit motorized vehicle use off Canol Road up to Caribou Pass area in the three Sahtu private land parcels, and to SSI re: initiate overlap discussions with Kaska Nation re: Mile 222

26. Next Board Meeting

- 26-27 January 2010, Déline

27. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #09-17-09-15

- To adjourn meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Moved by: Robert Kelly