

Board Teleconference Minutes



April 19, 9 am-noon, and April 27, 9 am-noon, 2018

Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı	Helpers of the ʔehdzo Got'ine (Sault Renewable Resources Board)
ʔehdzo Got'ine	Renewable Resources Council
ʔekwé/ʔedə/nódıle	barren-ground caribou
NCE	Network Centre of Excellence
NWT	Northwest Territories
SRRB	Sault Renewable Resources Board

Agenda

- Pests, Pathogens and Invasive Species conference summary and recommended follow-up (Colin)
- Community conservation plan update
- ENR barren-ground caribou strategy comments (Colin and Deb)
- Caribou collaring issue (Deb)
- Research program opportunities
- Sahtú Guardian Initiative
- Administrative matters
 - 2018-2019 Core budget
 - 2018-2019 Wildlife Studies Fund budget
 - Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Part 1 – April 19

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby (Acting Chair), Jimmy Dillon, Camilla Rabisca

Special Advisors

Camilla Tutcho (first meeting as SSI nominee), Jonas Modeste (first meeting as Délıne ʔehdzo Got'ine President), Gordon Yakeleya

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon, Colin Macdonald

Regrets

Jeffery Walker, Keith Hickling, Leon Andrew
Chair Michael Neyelle on leave of absence.

Opening

Prayer by Camilla Tutcho

- Quorum check: 2/4 voting Board members present.

Pests, Pathogens and Invasive Species Conference

Presentation by Colin Macdonald (briefing note provided)

- Overview of conference purpose and terminology: pests, pathogens and invasive species
- So far we've been lucky that we haven't had major crises yet, but there's growing concern with climate change impacts.
- Follow-up recommended by Colin:
 - To protect resources and resource use in the long-term, the ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı needs to stay informed on possible invasive species and diseases, and how and when they may arrive in the Sahtú. The proposed NWT Council could be one forum for information.
 - Harvesters and RRCs in the Sahtú should become more active in having samples collected from harvested wildlife analysed in ENR programs. Harvesters may be able to get sample kits from ENR. RRCs can help coordinate the collection and contact with local ENR offices.
 - Educational programs should be developed to inform the public about the need to minimize the chance to transport invasive species by air, truck, boat, transport of firewood and other pathways that have been observed in the south.
 - Training for the guardianship program should include information on the possible risk of new species being transported to the Sahtú. Guardians could be in place to inform the public about the need to clean vehicles to reduce the chance of transporting invasive species
- Discussion of the need for both science and traditional knowledge advice, and ensuring that ʔehdzo Got'ine are aware of what's going on – especially since these kinds of things are new to people.
- Traditional knowledge research can talk about long term changes and consider the role that people have traditionally played in keeping populations in balance.

Community Conservation Planning

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Update on mountain caribou planning process
 - Community engagement has been completed in Norman Wells and Tulít'a, and Norman Wells sponsored a leadership meeting. Next steps are meeting in Ross

River (early May), joint meeting of Tulít'a, Norman Wells and Ross River leaders (June), approval of the plan by Indigenous parties (July-August), approval of plan by SRRB (fall).

- Important to ensure that community members are made aware of these processes.

Draft ENR Barren-Ground Caribou Strategy 2018-2022

Overview of highlights from the strategy by Deborah Simmons

- Community conservation planning is recognized in the draft strategy as a valid approach to caribou conservation.
- Suggestion that the SRRB comment on the strategy focus need for an integrated approach to monitoring.
- Consider commenting on the need to be able to adapt the strategy during the five year period of the strategy.
- More meetings are needed to talk about people’s relationships with caribou and sharing harvest across boundaries.

Collaring Issue

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Discussion about response to letter from Wildlife Management Advisory Council – NWT (Inuvialuit) regarding their support for collaring and their request to be informed about the SRRB’s vision for alternative monitoring.
- We need to put our knowledge together so that we can come to agreements on the approach.

Research Program Opportunities

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Proposals are being prepared for major multi-year research initiatives, as follows:

Funder	Project
Global Water Futures Letter of Intent submission by Wilfrid Laurier University	Water Knowledge Camps: Building Capacity for Cross-Cultural Water Knowledge, Research, and Monitoring (3 years)
Canadian Mountain Network Letter of Intent; if successful to be submitted as part of larger Network Centre of Excellence (NCE) proposal	Nío Nę P'ęñé - Trails of the Mountain Caribou: Renewing Indigenous Relationship (3 years)
ArcticNet Letter of Intent; if successful to be submitted as part of larger NCE proposal; we'll be informed of results as of mid-July and full proposals due November 15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitation of biodiversity monitoring by northern communities (3 years) 2. Reconsidering Indigenous Environmental Governance in the Circumpolar Arctic:

Funder	Project
	Comparative Case Studies in the Sahtú Region and Sápmi (3 years)
NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council) full proposal	ʔekwé hé Dene Ts'ílé - With caribou, we were Dene: Understanding biocultural diversity of caribou in the Central Mackenzie Mountains region to guide current land use activities (3 years)
Lawson Foundation Letter of Intent; full proposal submission September 6	Youth Níó Nę P'ęné Sódzene'en (We are Looking After the Backbone of the Mountains) <i>Stewardship Initiative</i>
Canada Service Corps full proposal	Sahtú Youth Network Initiative (3 years)

Sahtú Guardian Initiative

Grand Chief Wilfred McNeely and Steve Kakfwi (Indigenous Leadership Initiative) are spearheading a Sahtú Regional Guardian Initiative, and SRRB staff are providing assistance at the launch of regional discussions toward a proposal to the Federal government, at a leadership meeting scheduled in Tulít'a, April 24-25.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm approximately.

Part 2 – April 27

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby (Acting Chair), Jimmy Dillon, Camilla Rabisca

Special Advisors

Camilla Tutcho, Jonas Modeste, Gordon Yakeleya, Leon Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon

Observer

Ruby McDonald

Regrets

Keith Hickling, Jeffery Walker

Administrative Matters

Motion 2019-001

M2019-001	Approve the Core and Wildlife Studies Fund budgets as presented. Jimmy Dillon/Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
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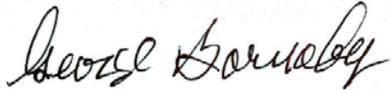
Motion 2019-002

M2019-002	Approve the minutes of December 8, February 15, and March 9 meetings as presented. Camilla Rabisca/Jimmy Dillon.	Consensus
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Meeting adjourned at noon approximately.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, July 10, 2018.



George Barnaby, Acting Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2019-001	Approve the Core and Wildlife Studies Fund budgets as presented. Jimmy Dillon/Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
M2019-002	Approve the minutes of December 8, February 15, and March 9 meetings as presented. Camilla Rabisca/Jimmy Dillon.	Consensus