

# Board Teleconference Minutes



June 4, 2021

Minutes by Catarina Owen

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
ENR	Environment and Natural Resources – Government of the Northwest Territories
JR	Judicial Review
PLS	Public Listening Session
TAH	Total Allowable Harvest

## Participants

### Board Members

Keith Hickling

Sam Haché

Faye D'Eon Eggertson

### Staff

Deborah Simmons

Catarina Owen

Melanie Harding

### Legal Counsel

Bruce McRae

## Agenda

- Prayer, quorum check
- Proposed Wildlife Act – Wildlife General Regulations, Amendment
- Judicial Review – Colville Lake
- Other updates
- Approval of previous minutes

## Opening

- Quorum check: 3/4

## Proposed Wildlife Act – Wildlife General Regulations, Amendment

- The proposed regulation prohibits the assistance or use of drones by licenced harvesters while engaged in hunting activities.
- It would be applied to General Hunting Licence, Resident Hunting Licence, Non-resident Licence, Non-resident Alien Licence, and Special Harvester Licence holders. ENR continues to support Indigenous Government Organizations to self-regulate their membership in the use of drones while hunting.
- New amendment prohibits:
  - Hunting within 12 hours after locating animals by using a drone.
  - Using info collected by a drone, within 12 hours of the information being collected.
  - Locating wildlife with a drone and communicating the information to another person, if the purpose of the communication is to assist the other person in hunting the animal.
- Deadline for comments June 11.

## Judicial Review

- On May 28, 2021, Colville Lake (Behdzi Ahda" First Nation, Ayoni Keh" Land Corporation and Colville Lake Renewable Resources Council; together "Colville") filed an application for Judicial Review (JR) with the Supreme Court of the NWT.
- The JR concerns two of the Minister of ENR's final decisions made April 30, 2021, regarding the outcomes of PLS 1. The JR specifically addresses R4.1 (local authorizations) and D6.1 (TAH). The GNWT has not responded to these claims yet.
- Colville argues the Minister incorrectly interpreted that s. 13.9.4(b) restricts RRC power to managing the harvest of "local participants" which the Board "determined as granting powers to [RRCs] to manage the exercise of harvesting by all participants in a local area"
- Colville argues that the Minister's decision to maintain the TAH exceeds the Minister's authority.
- Colville is asking the Court to do two things:
  1. Set aside the Minister's decisions to vary D6.1 and R4.1; and
  2. Declare Colville Lake RRC has the power under s. 13.9.4(b) to manage the exercise of participant harvesting rights within a local area.
- The SRRB could choose to focus on PLS 2, participate in the JR or move forward with both.

## Other updates

- ACCWM completed updating the *Taking Care of Caribou* plan, briefing to come.
- Sahtú Harvest Study has been completed.

## Approval of previous minutes

M2022-006

M2022-006	Approve meeting minutes from March 29, 2021. <i>Samuel Haché/Keith Hickling.</i>	Consensus
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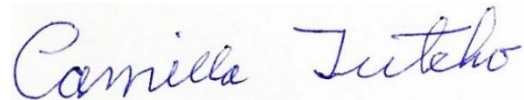
M2022-007

M2022-007	Approve meeting minutes from May 15, 2021. <i>Faye D'Eon Eggertson/Samuel Haché.</i>	Consensus
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*Adjourned at 4:18 pm.*

## Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 25, 2021.



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Camilla Tutcho, Acting Chair

## Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2022-006	Approve meeting minutes from March 29, 2021. <i>Samuel Haché/Keith Hickling.</i>	Consensus
M2022-007	Approve meeting minutes from May 15, 2021. <i>Faye D'Eon Eggertson/Samuel Haché.</i>	Consensus