

# Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ (Planning for the Future) Gathering Report

October 24-26, 2023, in Tłegóhı́ (Norman Wells)

## Overview

In the context of the 2024 ʔełets'ė́hkwé Godı́ (Public Listening Session – PLS), on Caribou Conservation, Climate Change and Wildfires, the SRRB organized a gathering on Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ (Planning for the Future – PFF). The objectives for the gathering were:

- Provide background and additional information about Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ (Planning for the Future - PFF) Policy and Planning Guidance;
- Discuss the planning process and how to determine what content should be included in a final written plan;
- Share updates on progress and develop an understanding of how SRRB staff can support conservation planning; and
- Consider how Dene knowledge, stories and ʔeʔa (law) are being incorporated into wildlife management planning, policy, policy development, and programs

The gathering occurred October 24-26, 2023, in Tłegóhı́ (Norman Wells). Each Sahtú community was invited to send 4 representatives, including youth. Representatives from the GNWT Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) attended on the third day to contribute perspective on the gathering's objectives. The gathering was facilitated by Amanda Sheedy, an independent consultant, with support from David Hohenschau of EcoPlan International and Annalee Kornelson, a graphic recording artist. SRRB staff and legal counsel were also in attendance.

## Agenda

The SRRB provided the history and background of Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ (PFF), including the SRRB's Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ policy and principles. Each community was given an opportunity to provide an update of their recent planning work. The gathering facilitators led the community representatives through a discussion of community planning processes and the content of a written plan.

## Summary of discussions

The communities, the GNWT and the SRRB discussed issues related to caribou conservation, climate change, wildfires, planning, planning processes, and Dene and Métis ways of life. Community members participated in small group work to identify specific content that would be included in a written plan.

The discussions during the gathering were recorded graphically. Those graphic recordings are attached to this report. This gathering will inform the SRRB's development of additional guidance for community work to prepare Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́ą́ (PFF).

The SRRB wishes to thank all who attended and contributed to the gathering.