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## Notice of Hearing

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**Management of Bluenose East ʔekwé (Barren-Ground Caribou)  
March 1-3, 2016, Délıne, Northwest Territories**

Posted January 11, 2016

### Background

The ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedi (Sahtu Renewable Resources Board - SRRB) invites participation in a **Public Hearing on Management of Bluenose East ʔekwé (Barren-Ground Caribou) to be held March 1-3, 2016 at the Délıne Arena.**

The focus of this public hearing is to consider **harvest management of the Bluenose East ʔekwé** that travel through the area east of Great Bear Lake, including the Délıne District.

Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Nature Resources (ENR – Government of the Northwest Territories) indicating that there is a rapid decline in Bluenose East ʔekwé populations, two management proposals have been filed with the SRRB. The Délıne ʔehdzo Got'ine, Délıne First Nation and Délıne Land Corporation have filed a caribou conservation plan, *Belarewile Gots'ę ʔekwé*. ENR has also filed a *Proposal on Management Actions for Bluenose east Caribou 2016-2019*.

Both of these plans recommend limiting the caribou harvest for Sahtú beneficiaries. Since the SRRB has agreed to consider these plans, Section 13.8.21(b) of the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement requires that a hearing must be held.

Documents related to the hearing will be posted, as they become available, on the Board's Public Hearing Registry at [www.srrb.nt.ca](http://www.srrb.nt.ca), to be launched on January 11.

### Registration, Workshops, and Submissions

The SRRB invites those interested in participating in the Hearing as a Party or speaking at the Hearing as a member of the public to register with the SRRB in writing via email ([info@srrb.nt.ca](mailto:info@srrb.nt.ca)) or by telephone (867-588-4040). **The deadline for registration is January 25, 2016.**

In preparation for the Hearing, the Board will hold workshops in Norman Wells, Tulıt'a and Délıne to assist local ʔehdzo Got'ine and members of the public to prepare for the Hearing **during January and February.**

The SRRB also invites the public to provide written or oral recorded submissions and supporting documentation concerning the harvest management of Bluenose East caribou. Written or oral recorded submissions and supporting documentation must be filed with the SRRB by **February 26, 2016**.

## Collaborative Proceedings

Understanding the need for coordination in harvest management across the territory of Bluenose East ʔekwé and especially across the Sahtú and Tłı̄chǝ regions, the SRRB and the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board signed a *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaborative Efforts for the Management of the Bluenose East Caribou Herd* in October 2015.

Each Board will conduct its own proceeding, including public hearings in both the Sahtú and Wek'èezhì regions. The cooperative approach will minimize duplication, increase consistency and ensure management of the Bluenose east caribou herd is as effective as possible.

## Schedule

*Note: all hearing activities will take place in 2016.*

Identification of Parties	January 25
Issuance of Information Requests	
<i>Round 1 (Board only)</i>	January 18
<i>Round 2 (Intervenors/Board)</i>	February 5
Submission of Responses to Information Requests	
<i>Round 1</i>	January 29
<i>Round 2</i>	February 12
Technical Sessions (if required)	February 17-18
Pre Hearing Telephone Conference	February 19
Submission of Hearing Presentations	February 26
SRRB Public Hearing in Délı̄ne	March 1-3
WRRB Public Hearing in Behchokǝ	To be confirmed
Submission of Final Written Arguments	
<i>Parties</i>	March 29
<i>NWT Environment and Natural Resources</i>	April 1
SRRB Decision	May 16

## Contact Information

For more information or to provide comments about the Hearing proceeding or the SRRB's updated *Rules for Hearings*, please contact:

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