



Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2014- 9 am-12 pm

Meeting began at 9 am

Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms Used

SRRB	ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
SSI	Sahtú Secretariat Inc
MVRMA	Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act
CARD	Contaminants and Remediation Directorate
AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
CPC	ConocoPhillips Canada

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Board Members

Paul Latour, Keith Hickling, Lesley Allen

Alternates

Patrick Bobinski

Special Advisors

George Barnaby

Staff

Deborah Simmons (executive director), Catarina Owen (environmental assessment researcher), Kristen Yakeleya (intern)

Guest

Jessica Iveson, Lorraine Land, Celestino Oh

Meeting Agenda

1. Prayer, opening and introductions
2. SRRB Mandate in Environmental Assessments – legal opinion (Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson)
3. SRRB financial audit (Celestino Oh)
4. Minutes
 - a. Previous meeting (May 13)
 - b. Decisions since last meeting

5. Chair's report (Michael Neyelle - oral)
6. Parks Canada update
 - a. Fish regulations
 - b. Aircraft Access regulations
 - c. Staffing
7. Project updates
 - a. Project list to date
 - b. Traditional Economy Assessment report overview (Deb)
 - c. Harvest Study finalization (Deb-oral)
 - d. Environmental Studies Research Fund projects update (Deb-oral)
 - e. Caribou Populations (Deb-North American Caribou Workshop poster and TK Focus Group agenda)
 - f. Tulít'a Gender Study (research planning poster)
8. Environmental Assessment update (Catarina, Deb and Keith-oral)
 - a. Shale oil play pause and CPC meeting in Tulít'a
 - b. Letter of concern from the SRRB to the CARD unit to consider the Canol Wire as a immediate wildlife hazard to assess during this summers Canol Hazard Assessment by the CARD team
9. SRRB Biologist job description update (Catarina)
10. Species At Risk updates
 - a. Olive-sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk
 - b. Federal: Olive-sided Flycatcher
11. Ross River First Nation meeting update (oral)
12. Next meeting

1. Prayer, opening and introductions

2. SRRB Mandate in Environmental Assessments – legal opinion (Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson)

Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson (Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP) reviewed briefing note: "Legal Opinion re: Powers and Jurisdiction of the SRRB"

Discussion

Pat Bobinski- What authority does the SRRB have under the Wildlife Act? How is the Wildlife Act linked to the land claim agreement?

Authority under Wildlife Act- approving plans for wildlife, population numbers, etc. Species at risk- co-management boards can appoint a representative to the committee, species at risk legislation has a mechanism set up to ensure board participation and that the board has power to advice minister.

Lesley Allen- how do we insure that our board is not duplicating other agencies' effort?

Other boards have a more clearly defined role and how they exercise their power. SRRB doesn't have its own legislation (MVRMA) SRRB just has the land claim.

Fisheries act- federal legislation doesn't reference land claim. There are lots of gaps insuring fish habitat protection and nowhere in the act there is a section giving SRRB power

Michael Neyelle what responsibilities do we as board members have to other boards and organizations we are a part of?

Board members are free to hold views different/similar than your nominating organization. At end of the end you need to hold up to the oath you took and have to be impartial, free of bias opinion. You have a duty to be loyal to the core mandate of SRRB. You can consider views of other organizations, your own views, the views of beneficiaries but at end of the day, you need to consider what is best in relation to wildlife and wildlife management.

Michael Neyelle- How do we determine what the public interest is? Not really clear. There are different things that make up public interest

Decision D2014-017

D2014-017	A place holder letter will be drafted and sent to SSI re SRRB's mandate	Consensus
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Topic tabled to next meeting

3. SRRB financial audit (Celestino Oh)

Celestino Oh reviewed the 2013-2014 Financial Audit Report

Motion M2014-015

M2014-015	Paul Latour/ Lesley Allen. Board approved the 2013-2014 Financial Audit pending revisions. Board will receive and review final audit and chair will sign final report.	Consensus
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4. Minutes

- b. Previous meeting (May 13) – deferred to next meeting
- c. Decisions since last meeting (none to review)

5. Chair's report (Michael Neyelle - oral)

Michael noted his activities over the past month.

6. Parks Canada update – deferred to next meeting

- a. Fish regulations
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- b. Letter of concern from the SRRB to the CARD unit to consider the Canol Wire as a immediate wildlife hazard to assess during this summers' Canol Hazard Assessment by the CARD team Decision

Decision D2014-018

D2014-018	Deliver the letter of concern on wildlife hazard to assess during Canol Hazard Assessment by the CARD team to AANDC	Consensus
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9. SRRB Biologist job description update (Catarina)

10. Species At Risk updates

- a. Olive-sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk
- b. Federal: Olive-sided Flycatcher

Motion M2014-016

M2014-016	Keith Hickling/ Paul Latour. The SRRB approved the recovery plans submitted by Environment Canada for the common nighthawk and the olive-sided flycatcher.	Consensus
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11. Ross River First Nation meeting update (oral)

Northern Mountain Caribou Management Meeting will be held in Ross River July 23 and 24. Keith expressed strong interest in attending.

12. Next meeting

August 12, 2014, call disconnected prior to having a motion to end meeting (11:59 am)

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board Motion M2014-019 (2014-09-17)



Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Summary of Motions

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