

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
17-18 September 2002
Fort Good Hope, NT**

September 17, 2002

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Latour
Russell Hall
Leonard Kenny
Norman Simmons
Ronald Pierrot

STAFF

Jody Snortland
Ben Olsen
Lori Ann Lennie
Janet Bayha

GUESTS

Richard Kochon – Behdzi Ahda' RRC
Alexis Blanco – Behdzi Ahda' RRC
Andrew John Kenny – Deline RRC
Leo Modeste – Deline RRC
Roger Boniface – Fort Good Hope RRC
Gabe Kochon – Fort Good Hope RRC
Winter Lennie – Norman Wells RRC
Frederick Andrew Jr. – Tulita RRC
Wilfred Lennie Sr. – Tulita RRC
Lisa Smith – Forest Management Division, RWED
Susan Corey – Forest Management Division, RWED

Alasdair Veitch – RWED-Sahtu
Stephen Charlie - DFO
Kim Howland – DFO
Alphonse McNeely - Translator
Charlie Barnaby - Public
Jonas Kakfwi - Public
Thomas Manuel Jr. - Public
Paul Rivard – RWED-Sahtu

Meeting convened @ 9:20 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer/Introductions

- Opening prayer by Fredrick Andrew Jr.
- Round table introductions

2. Swearing in of New Board Members

- Leonard Kenny & Ronald Pierrot sworn in by Cpl. Jim Forsey

3. Review of Agenda

- Agenda additions:
 - Scholarships
 - CWS Update
 - Muskox/Big Game
 - Right of First Refusal
 - Darwin Bateyko's research report
 - Tuktut Nogait – Parks Canada Flight

4. Review of Financial Statement

- Balance Sheet – unclear what the equity section means and why depreciation must be shown under capital assets

ACTION: To ask Lorraine Tremblay about balance sheet concerns

5. Business Arising From Minutes

a) Grizzly Bear Tag Support

- 18 July 2002 Regional Renewable Resource Committee letter to Minister of RWED requesting clarification about allocation of grizzly bear tags; to date, no reply received
- Have repeatedly requested clarification from RWED re: allocation of tags to licensed outfitters or to recreational outfitters
- Although some RRCs willing to support regulation change if tags were to be allocated to communities, others felt that grizzly bears are spiritual/cultural animal and should only be shot in defense of human life

ACTION: To write follow-up letter to Minister of RWED re: allocation of tags

- Recent increase in the number of muskox around the Fort Good Hope area and RRC would like to see an increase in tags; as last aerial survey was done in 1997, recommend that another survey be completed to determine whether the number of tags can be increased from 27 (allocation to be determined by the community RRCs)
- Discussions about Mackenzie Mountain outfitters and streamlining the right of first refusal process; to make recommendation to SSI to streamline process – TO BE ADDRESSED LATER ON AGENDA

b) Community Research Concerns

- In an effort to increase RRC input into the planning of future wildlife research projects, the staff has been visiting each community to discuss community research concerns
- Deline RRC meeting report (27 Aug 02) and Tulita RRC meeting report (11 Sept 02) tabled
- To meet with Fort Good Hope RRC in evening (17 Sept 02)

c) Executive Director Trainee

- Position developed to allow a beneficiary to improve skills & abilities and eventually to take over as executive director; although position advertised last winter, applicants were not qualified
- Basic requirement – grade 12 schooling; person should respect different cultures, languages and people that live in the Sahtu region
- Plans to re-advertise position in November 2002

d) SRRB Policies

i) Conflict of Interest Policy

- Policy relies on the honour system; onus on board members to declare conflicts; to remove the word “obvious”
- To use newsletter/website to inform public that SRRB has a policy based on legal opinion and Government of Canada principles
- Paul and Jody to work on wording of policy and possible method of evaluating conflict

ii) Traditional Knowledge & Donation Policy

- Change wording of donations policy from "... related to renewable resources only" to "The SRRB will only provide ..."

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-01

- To accept the traditional knowledge and donations policy with above amendments

Moved by: Russ Hall

Seconded by: Leonard Kenny

Carried Unanimously

6. Forestry Management Division Presentation – Lisa Smith & Susan Corey

- Long Term Forest Monitoring PowerPoint presentation tabled
- Two beneficiaries, Jay Stevens & Kenny Shae, involved with the establishment of plots
- Plots can be used to collect information about wildlife and wildlife habitat; growth & yield plots to have special protection from fire and land uses; National Forest Inventory plots to show change over time with different stand ages

7. Biologist's Report – Ben Olsen

- PowerPoint presentation tabled
- Casual observations have shown a high density of predators; outfitters have not been involved in research
- All caribou collared are cows; although small sample size, the distribution is confirming TK; further work will include classification and population census (stratified blocks)
- Animated herd migration CD and RWED summary report tabled – Alasdair Veitch
- Development in calving areas causes displacement of caribou to less desirable places; Tuktut Nogait National Park created to protect Bluenose-West Caribou calving grounds in perpetuity as well as for other wildlife species

8. Harvest Study Coordinator Report – Janet Bayha

- PowerPoint presentation tabled (North Slavey language)
- HS Working Group recommendation to continue the HS in Deline from April 2003 until December 2003 to complete their five year study
- Board needs to decide whether or not to continue the study beyond the five years; successful project with strong community support; to seek out other funding sources (e.g. NWT Biophysical Inventory) and scale back the study

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-02

- To continue the Harvest Study in Deline from April 2003 until December 2003

Moved by: Norman Simmons
Seconded by: Leonard Kenny
Carried Unanimously

9. New Business

a) Department of Fisheries & Oceans Update – Stephen Charlie

- Canada Ocean Strategy & Transfer of Aquatic Organisms report tabled
- Great Bear Lake Protection workshop – Marc Longe (YK) and George Low to attend; will deal with water issues only
- Special Harvesting Area for fish (#18) and Clause 13.4.4 of the SDMCLCA; differing interpretations about the definition of exclusive and commercial; December 2000 – SSI and DFO agreed that they would not go ahead with arbitration until SRRB develops management plan; to date, SRRB has not been notified

ACTION: To write letter to SSI to determine the status of arbitration re: Clause 13.4.4 and special harvesting areas for fish

b) Great Bear Lake Trout Movements & Assessment of Keith Arm Stocks – Kimberley Howland

- Interim report and PowerPoint presentation tabled

Meeting recessed @ 5:20 p.m.

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c) Fort Good Hope – Colville Lake Group Trapping Area

- Sahtu Land Use Planning Board legal opinion (18 December 2001) tabled
- RGTA set up to protect a trapping area from traders; RGTA does not protect land from development; uncertain whether Registered Group Trapping Areas (RGTA) will be included in the new Wildlife Act

- Fort Good Hope RRC believe that elders put aside the area for future generations to protect from outside trappers and development; community wishes the area to remain as is

ACTION: To write letter to Minister of RWED to clarify the purpose of the RGTA and whether RGTA will be included in the new Wildlife Act

d) Great Bear Lake Advisory Group

- Great Bear Lake Protection workshop to be held in Deline, 7-8 October 2002; community of Deline and other agencies to work together to make plans to protect and manage the lake for the future; Jody to attend on SRRB behalf; Leonard (Deline Land Corp) and Paul (CWS) will also be in attendance
- GBLAG created to provide advice to the SRRB on Great Bear Lake fish management issues only
- Russ wishes to give over secretary position to someone living in the North, such as Fred Taptuna or Keith Hickling

e) Canadian Wildlife Service Update – Paul Latour

- Involvement in the Great Bear Lake Protection workshop b/c of migratory bird management
- Endangered Species Act – for the third time, the bill has been killed due to Parliamentary changes; plans for a meeting in early 2003 to clarify wildlife management boards' role in implementing the Act

10. Additional Business

a) Muskox/Big Game

- With increase in muskox around Fort Good Hope, the caribou are not coming around; in Ft. McPherson, the community gets rid of muskox as soon as they are in area; RRC would like to do the same
- People in region do not know a lot about muskox – do not eat meat or know how to skin; Wildlife Health workshops to be held this winter will focus on muskox (carcass to be provided by RRC or RWED); suggestion to develop a tanning center in the Sahtu (muskox hides useful b/c wind & water-proof)
- Big Game Hunting in Deline – done in conjunction with Churnmy Plummer in early September 2002; monitored by RWED; 10 muskox and 20 caribou taken (remaining tags to be used in a spring hunt); future hunts will be done by Grey Goose Lodge only
- In 2001, a Norman Wells resident shot a muskox that has been recorded as the largest in the world (#1 trophy muskox); should result in a great amount of interest in the Sahtu region

b) Tukturnogait National Park – Leonard Kenny

- Fifteen (15) people from the Deline District flew over Tukturnogait to view the caribou around Hornaday River
- Visited community of Paulatuk to talk about overlap issues and extension of Park boundary

c) Right of First Refusal (SDMCLCA Ch. 13, App. 2)

- Land claim process – buyer has 90 days to submit a business plan and the seller can extend time limit, if required; however, still difficult to put together a business plan that is acceptable to buyer, seller and lending agencies
- Suggest SSI design a template that identifies a clear process that potential purchasers could follow to put together a suitable business plan; to develop with the aid of RRCs and land corporations

ACTION: To write letter to SSI re: design business plan template (cc RRCs and land corporations)

11. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-03

- To approve the following Board meeting minutes as presented:
 - 22 July 2002
 - 16-17 April 2002

Moved by: Russ Hall

Seconded by: Norman Simmons

Carried Unanimously

12. Darwin Bateyko's Research Report – Norman Simmons

- Summary of Preliminary Findings report (16 September 2002) tabled
- Allow board to begin thinking about how to respond to community concerns; to convey research ideas & concerns to researchers
- Responsibility of both the Board and RRCs to communicate information to communities
- Final report w/ recommendations due: Spring 2003

13. Cumulative Effects Workshop, Norman Wells, October 2002 – Alasdair Veitch

- To be held 29-30 October 2002 in Norman Wells; co-hosted by RWED & SRRB; funding provided by the GNWT Biophysical Inventory
- Purpose to address community concern about input into wildlife research; work together to keep land and wildlife for future

14. RRC Funding

- RRCs are too under-funded to fulfill all of their responsibilities; to bring the Regional Renewable Resource Committee together to discuss sources for funding

15. In-Camera Session

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-04

- To go into in-camera session

Moved by: Russ Hall

Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-05

- To come out of in-camera session

Moved by: Leonard Kenny
Seconded by: Russ Hall
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-06

- To accept Jody Snortland's contract renewal with amendments

Moved by: Norman Simmons
Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot
Carried Unanimously

ACTION: To award scholarships to the following students:

- Sean Tutcho – \$2000 (1st year)
- Jay Stevens – \$2500 (2nd year)

16. Next Board Meeting

- 27-30 January 2003 in Tulita

17. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #09-17-02-07

- To adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Moved by: Leonard Kenny

Approval of minutes:



Chairman

18 Feb 03

Date