

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting  
15-17 September 2009  
Fort Good Hope, NT**

**15 September 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Keith Hickling  
Camilla Rabisca  
Robert Kelly  
Leonard Kenny  
Patrick Bobinski  
Gordon Zealand

**STAFF**

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Andrea Hrynkiw  
Jody Snortland  
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Chris Hopkins – ED Candidate

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Edward Oudzi – Norman Wells RRC  
Denis Mainville – Norman Wells RRC  
Valerie Yakeleya – Tulita RRC  
Frederick Andrew – Tulita RRC  
Wade Karkagie – Tulita RRC  
Dora Grandjambe – Translator  
Lorraine Tremblay – CGA  
Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region  
Susan Kutz – U of C  
Paul Rivard – ENR, Sahtu Region  
Lee Montgomery – Parks Canada  
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Roger McMillan – U of A  
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Alphonsine McNeely – Public  
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Gabe Kochon – Public  
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Alice Rabisca – Public  
Georgina Kakfwi – Public  
Henry Tobac – Public  
Wilfred McNeely Jr. – Public  
Charlie Tobac – Public  
Edward Kelly – Public  
Maurice Charney – Public  
Shawn Tobac – Public  
Rebecca Turo – Public  
Barthy Cotchilly – Public  
George Voudrach – Public  
Charlotte Jackson – Public  
Isadore Manuel – Public

**1. Opening Prayer**

- Opening prayer by Alphonsine McNeely

**2. Appoint Chair**

**SRRB Motion #09-15-09-01**

- To appoint Walter Bayha as Chair for September 15-17, 2009 meeting

**Moved by: Gordon Zealand**

**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Call to Order/Introductions**

- Meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.
- Round table introductions

#### **4. Review of Agenda**

- September 15-17 agenda tabled

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-09-02**

- To accept the agenda as presented

**Moved by: Patrick Bobinski**

**Seconded by: Robert Kelly**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **5. Conflict of Interest**

- No conflicts of interest were declared

#### **6. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

- 10-12 February 2009 board meeting and 5 May 2009 conference call minutes tabled
- Action items tabled and reviewed; no formal response received from L. Aglukak re: Walter Bayha's appointment

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-09-03**

- To accept the 10-12 February 2009 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**

**Seconded by: Robert Kelly**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-09-04**

- To accept the 5 May 2009 conference call minutes as presented

**Moved by: Gordon Zealand**

**Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **7. Review and Acceptance of Finances**

- **2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement**
  - 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement tabled
  - CIBC Asset Management manages the Wildlife Studies Fund; management fees average ~\$2000 per quarter
  - Increased revenue shown for 2008 due to additional funds received from Implementation Committee for November 2007 public hearing

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-09-05**

- To accept the 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement as presented

**Moved by: Patrick Bobinski**

**Seconded by: Robert Kelly**

**Carried Unanimously**

- 31 August 2009 financial statement tabled

#### **SRRB Motion #09-15-09-06**

- To accept the 31 August 2009 financial statement as presented

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**  
**Seconded by: Gordon Zealand**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To provide comparative financial statements with previous fiscal year

**8. New Business**

**a) Bluenose Caribou Herd Photo-census Results, Alasdair Veitch**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Update on Bluenose-West & Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds, 2009*”, tabled
- Population estimate for Bluenose-West caribou: 17,897; no population estimate determined for Bluenose-East caribou due to poor weather conditions; no harvest estimate since 2005
- Recommendations to ENR Minister required: 1) what to do with the Bluenose-East Herd in 2010 and 2) what management restrictions should remain for Bluenose-West Herd

**9. Wildlife Health Monitor Program Overview, Susan Kutz & Alasdair Veitch**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Overview of the Sahtu Wildlife Health Program, 2003-2009*”, Veterinary Parasitology Journal article, entitled “*The Arctic as a model for anticipating, preventing, and mitigating climate change impacts on host-parasite interactions*”, and Sahtu School Outreach Program: information Dissemination report tabled
- Overall health quite good for moose and caribou
- Winter ticks in moose and woodland caribou increasing (not seen in barren-ground caribou), which is consistent with increasing temperatures and moose populations
- Recent TK interviews noted green slimy ‘stuff’ found under skin of caribou; currently investigating (possible parasite)

**ACTION (SRRB):** To provide feedback on the Wildlife Health Program

**10. SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012**

- SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012 tabled

**SRRB Motion #09-15-09-07**

- To adopt the SRRB Strategic Plan, 2009-2012 as presented

**Moved by: Patrick Bobinski**  
**Seconded by: Gordon Zealand**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**11. Review and Approve Scholarship Applications**

- James T’seleie and Leeroy Andre’s Scholarship Applications tabled

**SRRB Motion #09-15-09-08**

- To award a second year scholarship (\$2500) to James T’seleie

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**  
**Seconded by: Gordon Zealand**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #09-15-09-09**

- To award a second year scholarship (\$2500) to Leeroy Andre

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**

**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**

**Carried Unanimously**

**12. Fire Smart Program – Community Protection, Paul Rivard & Travis Abbey**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*ENR/FMD Community Protection Program: Managing the Risk*”, Handout, entitled, “*Community Wildland Fire Protection Planning*”, and FireSmart Workbook and Home Owner Manual tabled
- 2009 – slowest fire season on record
- Norman Wells community protection plan to be completed by Oct 30, 2009; Fort Good Hope plan to be developed during 2010/2011 fiscal year
- FireSmart Fund being developed, which would be applied for by communities to develop protection plans

**13. SRRB Roles & Responsibilities related to Parks Canada, Lee Montgomery**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Parks Canada Initiatives in the Sahtu*”, and Handouts, entitled, “*Proposed Creation of Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve – Sahtu Community Update #1, February 2009*” and “*New Parks North, Newsletter 18, March 2009*”, tabled
- SRRB participated in Harvesting Regimes Workshop in May 2009; provided comment on Impact & Benefits Agreement – Section 9 (involvement of SRRB)
- Management Board created for Saoyú and ?ehdacho, with Parks office in Déline (\$7 million budget)
- Visitor centre will be established in Tulita for the Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve; overlap consultations occurring with Deh Cho First Nations and Kaska First Nation; Nááts’ihch’oh is a landform description of a sharp mountain /peak, not porcupine

**Meeting recessed @ 4:25 p.m.**

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**16 February 2009**

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George Govier – SLWB  
Ida Mak – SLUPB  
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Travis Abbey – ENR, Ft. Smith Office  
Lee Montgomery – Parks Canada  
Deborah Simmons – U of M  
Roger McMillan – U of A  
Morag McPherson – DFO  
Gerald Fillatre – DFO  
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Jim Tobac – Public  
James Caesar – Public  
Wilfred McNeely – Public  
Alphonsine McNeely – Public

**Meeting reconvened @ 9:15 a.m.**

\*\* Recognize Glen Guthrie for winning the Fur Institute of Canada's Lloyd Cook Award. The Lloyd Cook was created by the Fur Institute of Canada in 1991, in memory of Mr. Cook's commitment to *excellence in trapping, trapper education and public understanding of wildlife management.*

**14. Sahtu Caribou Traditional Knowledge Study, Deborah Simmons**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Ekwé Hé Naidé: Living with Caribou, Traditional Knowledge Program 2005-2009*", tabled
- Dene terminology is very complex; the meaning of terms can vary significantly by dialect

**ACTION (D. Simmons):** To provide a plain-language written summary of presentation

**15. Social Impacts of Changes in the Barren-ground Caribou Herds, Roger MacMillan**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Social Impacts of Changes in the Barren-ground Caribou Herds: Country- meat Sharing and the Livelihoods of K'ahso Got'ine Peoples*" and Handout, entitled, "*Kilograms of Country Meats Harvested per Capita per Year*", tabled
- Plans to include meat brought into community from outfitter camps but unsure of how at this point

**16. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Alasdair Veitch & Keith Hickling**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*NWT Protected Areas Strategy: Sahtu Update*" and Handout, entitled, "*NWT Protected Areas Strategy – Sahtu Settlement Area Update: September 2009*", tabled
- Staff: RRO Trainee – Leeroy Andre, Forestry Officer Trainee – Chris Tourangeau, Cumulative Effects Biologist – Heather Sayine-Crawford, Environmental Protection Officer – Jason Salter
- Current projects: Wildlife Act revisions, Species at Risk Act implementation, Bluenose Caribou Management Plan development, Forestry activities (sawmills and forest inventories)
- Fur prices set to decline in 2010; however, marten advance will remain at \$65

**17. Agency Update – Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), Deanna Leonard, Kelly Austin & Morag McPherson**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Presentation to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, September 16, 2009*”, tabled
- DFO is responsible for fish; INAC is responsible for health; EC is responsible for contaminants

**18. Agency Update – Sahtu Land & Water Board (SLWB), George Govier**

- Handouts, entitled “*Implementation Annual Report 2008-2009 of the Sahtu Land & Water Board*” and “*Workload, November 2008 to March 2009*”, tabled
- 10th Annual Technical Training Workshop, Nov 5-6, 2009, Norman Wells
- To require a Land Use Permit, a vehicle must weigh at least five tonnes

**19. Agency Update – Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB), Ida Mak & Edna Tobac**

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled, “*Sahtu Land Use Plan – Draft 2, Community Consultations*” and Handout, entitled, “*Draft 2, Sahtu Land Use Plan*”, tabled
- Community feedback extremely important; consultation summary shows poor turn out
- Final draft to be submitted to SSI for approval in 2011

**\*\* RRC Caucus** – RRC representatives left to meet together to discuss common issues

**20. Special Representative Update, Walter Bayha**

- Handout, entitled “*Update, SRRB Meeting Sept 14-18, 2009*”, tabled

**Meeting recessed @ 4:35 p.m.**

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**Meeting reconvened @ 9:10 a.m.**

**21. Agency Update – Canadian Wildlife Service, Donna Mulders**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Working Together to Recover Boreal Caribou*” and “*Horned Grebe, Western Population – Proposed Listing as Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act*” tabled
- PAS Update – CWS is the sponsoring agency for the Ts’ude’hliline-Tuyetah Candidate Area (currently considering boundary options) and the Shúhtagot’ine Néné Candidate Area (currently land withdrawal granted)
- Conducting workshops in communities to ensure that Aboriginal TK is considered in the national recovery strategy for Boreal Woodland Caribou
- Horned Grebe – long term monitoring shows a decline of 45% since the mid-1960s

**SRRB Motion #02-17-09-10**

- To support the listing of Horned Grebe, as Species of Special Concern, to Schedule 1 of the SARA

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**

**Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To write support letter to Virginia Poter, Director General of CWS re: listing of Horned Grebe on the SARA Schedule 1

**ACTION (ED):** To provide recommendations to D. Mulders re: Sahtu consultations and boreal caribou ATK/TEK

**22. RRC Update, Valerie Yakeleya on behalf of RRC Caucus**

- Insufficient funding to run programs
- Sept 25-26, Tulita – RRC workshop with Rick Hardy re: roles & responsibilities
- Support letter to SSI from SRRB; suggest meeting between leaders and RRCs to discuss vastness of mandate and funding needs; RRCs to write own letters to SSI

**ACTION (ED):** To write letter to SSI supporting RRC’s search for adequate funding and support from Sahtu leadership

**23. Staff Updates**

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*SRRB Extravaganza, September 15-17, 2009*” and Handout, entitled, “”, tabled

\*\* Due to another commitment, Walter Bayha requested that Keith Hickling chair the remainder of the meeting

**24. Executive Director Update, Jody Snortland**

- Still awaiting word from the Privy Council Office re: Walter Bayha’s reappointment

- Interviews completed for the Executive Director competition; Christopher Hopkins brought to Fort Good Hope for further interviews
- Bluenose Caribou Management Plan – community engagements are planned for all stakeholder communities in October – December 2009; information gathered will be used to draft a management plan; verification of information will occur in the new fiscal year
- Wildlife Act Revisions – tabled meeting schedule and public information documents (to be distributed in December 2009)
- Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, Public Hearing, Inuvik, 23 Sept 2009 – Jody to present on behalf of the SRRB; key items to stress: 1) contingency plans for spills in the Mackenzie River, 2) enforcement of commercial traffic (Plumber's barge) and fisheries, 3) navigational aids on Great Bear Lake (none since 1976), 4) improper funding for RRCs (unable to deal properly with SLCA implementation issues)
- Consultation Rules and Procedures – tabled Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board's document for Board consideration

## **25. In-Camera Session**

### **SRRB Motion #09-17-09-11**

- To go in camera at 2:12 p.m.

**Moved by: Gordon Zealand**

**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **SRRB Motion #09-17-09-12**

- To come out of camera at 4:36 p.m.

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**

**Seconded by: Gordon Zealand**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **SRRB Motion #09-17-09-13**

- To recommend that the management restrictions for the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd remain in place

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**

**Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To write letter to the Minister of ENR re: Bluenose-West Caribou Herd management restrictions

**ACTION (ED):** To write letter to the Sahtu Region Superintendent of ENR to wait until 2012 to conduct another photo-census for the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd

### **SRRB Motion #09-17-09-14**

- To accept the recommendation of the Hiring Committee to select Christopher Hopkins as the successful candidate for Executive Director and to start at the Step 1 pay scale

**Moved by: Gordon Zealand**  
**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To prepare a letter of offer to Christopher Hopkins for the Executive Director position

**ACTION (ED):** To write letter to SSI re: right of first refusal responsibility (S.13.7.5 SLCA) and communication of wildlife matters within the Sahtu Region

**ACTION (ED):** To write letter to Minister of ENR re: establishment of a critical wildlife area at Mile 222 (Redstone Caribou Herd), to CWS re: support establishment of a critical wildlife area at Mile 222 under the current NWT Wildlife Act and to prohibit motorized vehicle use off Canol Road up to Caribou Pass area in the three Sahtu private land parcels, and to SSI re: initiate overlap discussions with Kaska Nation re: Mile 222

**26. Next Board Meeting**

- 26-27 January 2010, Déline

**27. Adjournment**

**SRRB Motion #09-17-09-15**

- To adjourn meeting at 4:41 p.m.

**Moved by: Robert Kelly**

Approval of minutes:

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Chairman

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Date