Board Meeting Minutes



August 18, 2016, 1:10-4:27 pm Teleconference Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
BNE	Bluenose East pekwé
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
SRRB/Board	Pehdzo Got'ınę Gotsé Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
TK	Traditional Knowledge
WRRB	Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
?ekwę́	Barren-ground Caribou

Participants

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair)

Paul Latour, Jeff Walker, Camilla Rabisca, Leonard Kenny (arrived 1:43 pm)

Special Advisors

Leon Andrew, Frederick Andrew, Keith Hickling

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Executive Director

Guests

Justina Ray, COSEWIC Terrestrial Mammal Species Subcommittee (1:10-2:00 pm)

Lorraine Land, Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP (2:00-4:00 pm)

Colin Macdonald, Northern Environmental Consulting & Analysis, Inc.

Meagan Wohlberg, Howl Communications (2:00-4:00 pm)

Lynda Yonge, Jan Adamczewski, Marsha Branigan, Heather Sayine-Crawford, Bruno Croft, NWT Environment and Natural Resources (2:00 pm-3:05 pm)

Regrets

George Barnaby, Pat Bobinski, Leonard Kenny

Agenda

• Opening prayer, quorum check, agenda

Species At Risk

COSEWIC Barren-Ground Caribou 6-month interim status report (Justina Ray, COSEWIC)

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- Bluenose East ?ekwé Hearing Report follow-up
 - ENR process (Lynda Yonge, Bruno Croft, Heather Sayine-Crawford)
 - o Letter to Minister
 - o Communication
- Review and approval of ACCWM Bluenose East Action Plan

Previous meeting minutes

- July 5-7 (Tulít'a in-person)
- July 21, July 26 teleconferences

FYI

- Cross-Cultural Research Camp, July 30-August 7
- Shúhta ?epé Stewardship Planning Workshop, August 30-September 2
- Other Species At Risk updates and decisions (Red-Necked Phalarope and Yellow-Banded Bee)

Next Meetings

In-person fall meeting?

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm approximately.

Opening Prayer, quorum check, agenda

Opening prayer by Leon Andrew

Species At Risk

COSEWIC Barren-Ground Caribou 6-month interim status report

Slide presentation by Justina Ray

Discussion

- Colin Macdonald has provided technical comments on the COSEWIC report
- Question about herd definition efforts are ongoing to sort this out.
- Question about role of traditional knowledge assessment process this is not yet complete, but is being contributed through the Aboriginal TK Subcommittee of COSEWIC; biologists are now more consistently making efforts to incorporate TK into their work. This does enrich research results.
- There is some research being cited in the COSEWIC report that is not scientifically strong and should perhaps not be given so much attention.
- Discussion about the federal species at risk listing process.

 Question about North American Caribou Workshop, which was attended by Walter Bayha – whose contributions were well received.

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ENR Process

Questions from Lynda Yonge and Jan Adamczewski regarding SRRB perspective on implementing recommendations at a cross-regional scale. Responses led by Paul Latour, spokesperson for the Board on the Hearing report, and Lorraine Land.

- How does the SRRB view the relationship between the WRRB and SRRB recommendations?
- Are the SRRB recommendations consistent with the TAH recommended by WRRB?
- How do the other community plans relate to the Déline plan?
- There is a bigger picture, which is the overall conservation of the BNE herd, and total harvest; this needs to be assessed on a regular basis with all concerned agencies.
- Would the SRRB coordinate its annual review of BNE community conservation plans with the ACCWM annual review of action plan implementation?
- Agreed that a teleconference should be planned as soon as possible with WRRB, ENR and SRRB only
 to discuss an approach to coordinating the decisions in the two hearing reports, with a focus on
 harvest management.

Decision 2017-004

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	Resources Board (WRRB) and NWT Environment and	
	Natural Resources toward a teleconference as soon as	
	possible to discuss an approach to coordinating the SRRB	
	and WRRB Hearing Reports.	

Communication

Presentation of draft press release

Decision 2017-005

D2017-005	The Bluenose East Hearing Report will be distributed right	Consensus
	away to the ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation	
	on Wildlife Management); the report will be released to	
	the media following the coordinating teleconference with	
	the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board and NWT	
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Meeting minutes

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Motion 2017-017

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Motion 2017-018

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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, March 17, 2017.

Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Decisions

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