# **Board Teleconference Minutes**



November 26, 2020, 1:30-3:30 pm Minutes by Catarina Owen

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

Díga	Wolf
?ehdzo Got'įnę Gots'ę́ Nákedı	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board - SRRB
ejire?	Muskox
ENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Tįch'ádíı hé Gots'edı	Living with wildlife

### **Participants**

#### **Board Members**

Camilla Tutcho (Chair) Faye D'Eon Eggertson Sam Haché

#### Staff

Deborah Simmons Catarina Owen Kirsten Jensen

#### Other Guests

Colin Macdonald Janet Windborne Walter Bezha

# Agenda

- Prayer, quorum check, introductions
- Minutes of previous meetings (November 6 and 9)
- Colville 2020 report update media and community workshops
- Review of proposed Déline 2021 Public Listening plan
- Overview of Harvest Study protocol
- Northern Mountain Caribou proposed NWT listing as Special
- Next meeting

### Opening

- Opening prayer by Camilla Tutcho
- Quorum check: 3/4

### Meeting minutes

#### M2021-015

M2021-015	Approve meeting minutes from the following dates:	Consensus
	• November 6, 2020	
	• November 9, 2020	
	Samuel Haché /Faye D'Eon Eggertson.	

### Colville 2020 report update – media and community workshops

• Deb had a workshop in Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells

### Review of proposed Déline 2021 Public Listening plan

- Overarching question to all the Sessions: What is the most effective way to conserve caribou?
  - 1. Sahtú Ragóa and approaches to wildlife harvesting (Colville 2020)
  - 2. Predators and Competitors (Déline 2021)
  - 3. Knowledge about Caribou and Landscapes (Fort Good Hope 2022)
  - 4. Wildfires and Climate Change (Tulít'a 2023)
  - 5. Caribou and the Mixed Economy (Tulít'a 2023)
- Topics from the Colville Public Listening to be addressed:
  - The conservation picture: caribou, people and planning how are things going?
  - Community conservation plan approvals and updates (Colville and Déline)
  - o Zones: should the hunting area boundaries for barren-ground caribou change?
  - Wildlife Act Residency
  - Funding/program framework community conservation planning
- Déline Public Listening overarching question: What should people's role be in maintaining healthy relationships between caribou and other wildlife?
- Questions: Predator
  - What knowledge would you like to share about the relationships between caribou, díga and Dene/Metis?
  - Should people play a role in controlling díga populations to help caribou? If so, what should this look like?
  - Are there any other concerns that you have about other predators and their impacts on caribou?
- Questions: Competitors
  - What knowledge you like to share about the relationships between caribou, rejire and Dene/Métis?

- Should there be more encouragement to harvest pejire, including a commercial harvest and for food security to help caribou? If so, what should this look like?
- Are there any other concerns that you have about other competitors and their impacts on caribou?
- Indigenous knowledge and science briefing toolbox will be available to communities in early January.
  - Self-regulating systems in wildlife ecology and management approaches (Janet)
  - Plain language overview of the literature related to predator and competitor questions (Colin)

#### Process

- 2 Teleconferences understanding the process
- O At least one Ne K'a Dene Ts'Jl, Forum meetings to plan for the Session
- Virtual regional workshops and caucuses
- Information Requests (3 rounds)
- o Virtual hearing with community bubbles
- SRRB report
- Proposed Timeline
  - o December 1 Public Announcement
  - Week of December 7 Teleconference #1
  - Week of January 11 Deadline to register as a Party
  - Week of January 18 Planning workshop for community facilitators
  - Week of January 25 Planning workshop for community panels
  - December-March Community workshops to prepare presentations
  - Week of April 12 Teleconference #2
  - o April 19-24 Public Listening Session

#### M2021-016

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	Tįch'ádíı hé Gots'edı (Living with Wildlife) – Predators	
	and Competitors be announced as proposed.	
	Faye D'Eon Eggertson/ Samuel Haché.	

# Overview of Harvest Study protocol

- The harvest study data was validated and the report finalized in 2019.
- The new proposed Information Sharing Protocol will replace the previous data sharing agreement.
- The draft Harvest Study information sharing protocol and release agreement proposes several steps that a researcher or potential user will need to complete in order to access information from the Sahtú Harvest Study.
- Board members will review the protocol and make a decision in the upcoming weeks.

# Northern Mountain Caribou proposed NWT listing as Special Concern

- Deb met with Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells.
- Fort Good Hope will send comments if they have any.
- Norman Wells is supportive of the listing.
- Kirsten is meeting with Tulít'a next week to discuss it.
- The deadline for communities to provide input is December 4, 2020.

### **Next Meeting**

Friday, December 4, 2020.

Adjourned at 2:55 pm.

### Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, December 2, 2020.

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Camilla Tutcho, Acting Chair

# Summary of Motions

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