

Board Teleconference Minutes



Tuesday, May 04, 2016, 1:05-4:15 pm
Minutes by Joe Hanlon and Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

CPAWS	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
NWMB	Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
SARC	NWT Species At Risk Committee
SRRB/Board	ᐱehdzo Got'Ine Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
WRRB	Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board
ᐱekwę	Barren-ground Caribou
ᐱehdzo Got'Ine	Renewable Resources Council

List of Attendees

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), George Barnaby, Pat Bobinski, Keith Hickling (arrived 2:18 pm), Paul Latour, Jeff Walker

Special Advisors

Frederick Andrew, Leon Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director), Joe Hanlon (Program Coordinator), Lori Ann Lennie (Office Manager)

Guests

Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP), Colin Macdonald (Environmental Assessment Consultant), Kris Brekke and Tee Lim (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society)

Regrets

Camilla Rabisca, Leonard Kenny

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening prayer, Review of Agenda and Quorum Check
2. Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendment Proposal – Nááts'Jhch'ó Area
3. Bluenose East ᐱekwę Hearing Update
4. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavut Land Use Planning Commission Hearings
5. Special Harvesting Areas

6. Wildlife Act Working Group
7. Environmental Assessments
8. NWT Species At Risk Committee Appointments
9. Budget and Workplan for 2016-2017
10. Other Business
11. Next meeting date

1. Opening Prayer, Review of Agenda, and Quorum Check

Prayer by Michael Neyelle

2. Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendment Proposal – Nááts'ihch'o Area

Presentation by Kris Brekke and Tee Lim

Discussion topics

- Government of the NWT letter supporting designation of zones excluded from originally proposed Nááts'ihch'o National Park Reserve boundaries as General Use Areas to encourage development; current designation is Proposed Conservation Initiative zone.
- Dechenla/Mile 222 monitoring and ʔehdzo Got'įnę involvement
- Potential impacts of development on Redstone Northern Mountain Caribou; federally designated as Species of Special Concern; scheduled for NWT Species At Risk Committee assessment in 2019
- CPAWS support for expedited NWT Northern Mountain Caribou Species At Risk assessment
- The Board will consider preparing a submission to the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board

3. Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing Update

Presentations by Joe Hanlon, Colin Macdonald, Deborah Simmons and Lorraine Land

- Joe has contacted all the ʔehdzo Got'įnę regarding the invitation for a meeting to prepare final submissions; the invitation has been accepted by all ʔehdzo Got'įnę except Norman Wells.
- Colin Macdonald is writing a briefing note with a broader review of key management issues for Bluenose East ʔekwé as a reference for the SRRB and the Parties prior to delivering their final submissions; this is additional to the earlier submission which was focused on the ENR management proposal
- Meeting schedule for reviewing final submissions (May 25 teleconference)

Keith Hickling joins the call at 2:18 PM

4. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavut Land Use Planning Commission Hearings

Presentation by Colin Macdonald

Discussion topics

- Not appropriate for the SRRB to provide input into the land use planning and NWMB proceedings related to Bluenose East ʔekwé and habitat, since we're in the midst of our own hearing.
- The SRRB can however send a letter signalling that the Board has heard from all Parties on the importance of protecting Bluenose East ʔekwé calving grounds, and will be exercising our discretion to review the NWMB public registry for relevant information.

5. Special Harvesting Areas

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

The Sahtú Secretariat, Inc. has drafted a letter for joint submission with the SRRB to ENR requesting review of Special Harvesting Areas as defined under the land claim agreement, and dialogue about approaches to implementation. This would require community consultation.

6. Wildlife Act Working Group

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

ENR has sent a letter to wildlife management authorities regarding a number of items that require minor technical revisions in the Wildlife Act regulations. This correspondence will be shared with all Board members in case there are concerns.

Lorraine Land left the meeting at 3:08 pm

6. Environmental Assessments

Presentation by Colin Macdonald

Colin is maintaining a table tracking projects and any actions taking to comment. He plans to also check whether comments are addressed in regulator decisions or developer plans.

Discussion topics

- Imperial Oil closure plan
- Colin will work with Joe to prepare briefing notes for the SRRB and ʔehdzo Got'ineᑦ to support development of comments on projects, as appropriate

7. NWT Species At Risk Committee

Presented by Deborah Simmons

Leon Andrew has served on the SARC as a member representing the SRRB during 2015-2016, with Deborah Simmons providing assistance as alternate. The first appointment term recommended by the SRRB was one year to give the team an opportunity to experience the workload. Both have expressed willingness to be reappointed for a full term.

Motion 2017-001

M2017-001	Leon Andrew and Deborah Simmons to continue to represent the ʔehdzo GotʔInę Gotsʔé Nákedı on the NWT Species At Risk Committee for the full five year term. George Barnaby/Paul Latour.	Consensus
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8. Budget and Workplan for 2016-2017

Deborah Simmons

Negotiation of the 10-year implementation budget has been delayed again, so this year it is recommended that the Board submit a budget that more closely reflects actual costs. The annual increment is calculated according to Final Domestic Demand Implicit Price Index (FDDIPI) at a little under 1.6%, which in relation to increased staffing, travel, office rent and other costs represents another effective decrease in our budget. The supplemental budget request would notably include cost for another professional staff person plus participation costs for ʔehdzo GotʔInę (\$100,000).

Motion 2017-002

M2017-002	Approve and submit 2016-2017 budget as presented, including supplemental funding request. Paul Latour/Pat Bobinski.	Consensus
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Motion 2017-003

M2017-003	Adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 29, 2016.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2017-001	Leon Andrew and Deborah Simmons to continue to represent the Ɂehdzo Got'Ɂne Gots'ę Nákedı on the NWT Species At Risk Committee for the full five year term. George Barnaby/Paul Latour.	Consensus
M2017-002	Approve and submit 2016-2017 budget as presented, including supplemental funding request. Paul Latour/Pat Bobinski	Consensus
M2017-003	Adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.	Consensus