



# Board Meeting Minutes- DRAFT

July 5-7, 2016

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Minutes by Deborah Simmons

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
BNE	Bluenose East ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ
BNW	Bluenose West ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
KHTO	Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organisation
NWMB	Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
SRRB/Board	ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
TG	Tłı̄chǫ Government
TK	Traditional Knowledge
WRRB	Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board
ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ	Renewable Resources Council - RRC
ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲ	Barren-ground Caribou

## Participants

### List of Attendees

#### Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca, Paul Latour, Jeff Walker, Leonard Kenny, Patrick Bobinski

#### Special Advisors

Leon Andrew, Frederick Andrew, Keith Hickling (July 7 morning only)

#### Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director)

#### Guests

Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP)

Colin Macdonald, Science Advisor, Northern Environmental Consulting & Analysis, Inc.

## Agenda

### DAY ONE – JULY 5

#### Other Business

- Decisions for agendas of future meetings
  - COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) draft 6-month interim status report on barren-ground caribou in Canada
  - ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management) Action Planning
  - Bluenose West Caribou Collaborative Management

#### Opening Prayer and Welcom

#### Bluenose East Hearing Reporting Workshop

- Quorum and voting
- Purpose, agenda and protocols
- Other BNE hearing updates
  - Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board Hearing
  - Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Hearing
- Topics for decision
- What needs to be in the report
- Agenda for Day 2

#### Other Business

#### Decisions for agendas of future meetings

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

The meeting this week is focused on the BNE hearing report – but there are a number of other issues that require Board consideration at future teleconference meetings. Deborah, Colin and Michael provided overviews of key issues for future consideration, including:

- COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) draft 6-month interim status report on barren-ground caribou in Canada review (deadline September 2)
- ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management) Action Plan review and approval
- Bluenose West Caribou Collaborative Management process

*George Barnaby and Camilla Rabisca arrived – summarized preceding discussion.*

## Bluenose East Hearing Reporting Workshop

### Opening prayer and welcome

*Prayer by Leonard Kenny; welcoming remarks by Michael Neyelle*

### Quorum and voting

*Presentation by Lorraine Land*

### Discussion

Discussion regarding quorum and voting issues.

### Motion 2017-008

M2017-008	Patrick Bobinski will attend the SRRB's Bluenose East post-hearing workshop on July 5-7, 2016 as an observer only, with no participation in the discussion or voting rights. George Barnaby/Paul Latour.	Consensus
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### Purpose, Agenda and Protocols

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

- The Board is focused for this meeting on decisions and reasons for decision related to the BNE Hearing proceeding; other issues will be included in a "Parking Lot" list for future discussion.
- The Board's decision has stronger force if all Board members are able to come to a "common mind."
- The Board has been recording any dissent on motions, but for the most part is attempting to achieve consensus on decisions.

### Other Hearing Updates

*Presentations by Deborah Simmons and Lorraine Land*

### Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board BNE Hearing

- The WRRB has issued the first part of its report on their hearing.
- The Tłıchǫ Government and ENR proposal provided for a 950 TAH, with 39% TG and 46% Nunavut and 14% Sahtú (163 animals).
- WRRB determination is that the TAH should be 750 because they believe that the population status and trends, based on demographic indicators and environmental conditions. If Sahtú gets 17% of 750, this would reduce the harvest to 127 animals. Although this is identified as a determination in the report, it is effectively a recommendation to the Minister. The TG and GNWT can accept, vary or reject the decision.
- They are of the opinion that no harvest is sustainable.
- The SRRB's process is different in that the Minister must review in 60 days and provide written reasons for any decision to vary or replace the decision; the Board reviews the Minister's decision and responds if they wish before the decision is made.
- TG has requested an extension on their response to the report.
- A lot of details in the report about the process, so it may not be necessary to repeat in the SRRB report.

*Break for lunch*

## **Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Hearing**

*Presentation by Lorraine Land*

The Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organisation in collaboration with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association developed a first iteration on a community caribou plan for consideration by the NWMB. The following key features of the plan are as follows:

- “Transfer of harvest control to Government of Nunavut is a ‘last resort’
- Limit on member harvest (340 maximum, harvested 190 in 2015-2016 with no harvest limit)
- Mandatory reporting
- “No hunting zones” (closest to the community and in calving grounds)
- HTO enforcement of: 1) harvest level; 2) reporting, 3) zones; better success in achieving goal
- Predator management
- Education program
- Increased muskox harvest quota

### **Discussion**

Discussion regarding NWMB and WRRB information.

### **Topics for Decision**

Discussion regarding BNE Hearing decisions.

*Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:50 pm approximately.*

## **DAY 2 – JULY 6**

*Meeting reconvened at 9:14 am*

### **Topics for Decision (continued)**

Continued discussion regarding BNE Hearing decisions.

*Break for supper at 5:00 pm; reconvened at 6:00 pm.*

### **Topics for Decision (continued)**

Continued discussion regarding BNE Hearing decisions.

*Meeting adjourned for the day at 8:10 pm approximately.*

## DAY 3 – JULY 7

*Meeting reconvened at 9:15 am.*

### Topics for Decision (continued)

Continued discussion regarding BNE Hearing decisions.

### Upcoming meetings

- Teleconference to review and approve draft BNE hearing report – Friday, July 15, 1-4 pm
- Meeting to review and approve financial audit must happen during the last week of July (audit meetings planned for week of July 11).
- Regular teleconference meeting proposed during week of August 15 to address pending agenda items, including:
  - Hearing lessons learned and revisions to hearing rules
  - ACCWM Bluenose East and West Action plan approval
  - Species At Risk assessments/plans, including barren-ground caribou 6-month interim report
  - Environmental Assessments
  - Fall meeting plan – in person or teleconference?

### Motion 2017-009

M2017-009	Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.	Consensus
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*Closing prayer by Michael Neyelle*

### Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, August 18, 2016.



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Michael Neyelle, Chair

### Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2017-008	Patrick Bobinski will attend the SRRB's Bluenose East post-hearing workshop on July 5-7, 2016 as an observer only, with no participation in the discussion or voting rights. George Barnaby/Paul Latour.	Consensus
M2017-009	Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.	Consensus