

Board Meeting Minutes



October 28, 2016, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Teleconference

Minutes by Deborah Simmons based on notes by Ceilidh Stubbs

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Barren-ground Caribou
ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
BNE	Bluenose East ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
SRRB/Board	ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
WRRB	Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board

Participants

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Camilla Rabisca, Leonard Kenny, Jeff Walker, Patrick Bobinski

Special Advisors

Jimmy Dillon (arrived late), Paul Latour, , and Fredrick Andrew (arrived late)

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Ceilidh Stubbs

Invited Guests

Daniel T'seleie, Meaghan Wohlberg, Colin Macdonald

Agenda

1. Communication strategy – Bluenose East ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ Hearing Final Decisions
2. Community conservation planning follow up
3. Approach to input on herd assessment at ACCWM meeting at the end of November
4. Species at Risk – Colin Macdonald
 - o Red-Necked Phalarope (Federal)
 - o Overview of species status review
5. Imperial Oil Closure – Colin Mackdonald
6. SRRB Operating Procedures update – Daniel T'seleie

1. Communication strategy - BNE ʔekwé Hearing Final Decisions

Presentation by Meaghan Wohlberg

- News release and backgrounder release on Monday, October 31.
- Paul Latour will be spokesperson, identified as former Vice Chair and now Special Advisor.
- Community of Délı̨nę will also issue a press release afterward – Walter Bezha as spokesperson and maybe ʔekw’ahtı̨dá Raymond Tutcho.
- Facebook updates.
- Op-ed piece for News North will follow the press release.
- Review of draft media release; there is an emphasis on areas of contention because that is where the media focuses.
- Plain language is used as much as possible, balanced with legal requirements for precision.

Jimmy Dillon and Frederick Andrew entered the call.

2. Community Conservation Planning Follow-up

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Agenda items to be addressed in upcoming Délı̨nę ʔekwé Working Group meeting:
 - Letters to the Minister
 - ACCWM meeting and Bluenose East and Bluenose West ʔekwé species assessments
 - Door-to-door campaign
- Fort Good Hope is waiting for Colville Lake to create a conservation plan for caribou (because they are the main harvesters of caribou); however, Fort Good Hope may create a conservation plan for Dene foods in general – they have expressed interested in this possibility.

Motion 2017-022

M2017-022	Approve allocation of \$1,000 additional funding from Wildlife Studies Fund, for a total of \$10,000 for Colville Lake to complete data sharing agreement. Jeffery Walker/Patrick Bobinski.	Consensus
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- ENR has sent a letter letting Colville Lake know that the tags are still in place and being used until a different plan is in place. Until the regulations can be changed they are still in effect.
- At the recent Wildlife Act Section 15 meeting attended by Jeffery Walker and Norman Barichello on behalf of Colville, everyone was concerned with harvest reporting and believes that not enough is being done. There was lots of talk about developing a territorial standard.

3. ACCWM Status Meeting, Inuvik, November 21-23

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Decision 2017-006

D2017-006	Colville Lake will be invited to send a representative to the November 21-23 2017 status meeting of the ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management).	Consensus
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4. Species At Risk

Presentation by Colin Macdonald

Red-necked Phalarope

- Jimmy Dillon: I used to see lots of these birds here around Willow Lake, but don't see many anymore.
- Frederick Andrew: I used to see many more and maybe they moved because of food sources. There is a need for studies about songbirds that are disappearing.
- Note that the SRRB is working with Erin Bayne, University of Alberta, to pursue a funding proposal with the Aboriginal Fund for Species At Risk (AFSAR) to support research on songbirds, including questions about forest fire impacts.
- General concern about declining species diversity globally.

Motion 2017-023

M2017-023	SRRB supports the listing of the Red-necked Phalarope as a Species of Special Concern. Patrick Bobinski/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
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Overview of Species Status Review

- Discussion of how the NWT Species At Risk Act applies to invasive species, or species that are new to the north.
- Reiteration of the importance of traditional knowledge in species assessments.

5. Imperial Oil Closure

Briefing note and presentation by Colin Macdonald

- Not many people are making comments on this – and the companies are not required to respond
- Concerns about lack of work to understand impacts on fish; Imperial is relying on studies done in the 1980's when the information was not that good.
- It would be good to have independent review of clean-up plans.
- There are issues related to federal and NWT jurisdiction.
- SRRB briefing note to be shared with 2ehdzo Got'ine.

6. SRRB Operating Procedures Update

Presentation by Daniel Ts'eleie

- Areas of focus for the update include:
 - Mission statement
 - Aboriginal consultation
 - Powers of the Board – addition of forestry management
 - Conflict of Interest Guidelines
 - Board roles
 - Board committees
 - Public hearings sections
 - Communications policy – phone, internet and social media sections are outdated (especially in comparison to other northern Boards)
 - Alternates ability to vote (changed last week)
- We need further direction from the Board
- Timeline for final draft of an updated manual by end of 2017

Decision 2017-007

D2017-007	A committee is struck to review and update the SRRB's Operating Procedures, including Michael Neyelle, George Barnaby, Paul Latour, Patrick Bobinski, and Deborah Simmons.	Consensus
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Daniel Ts'eleie left the meeting.

Motion 2017-024

M2017-024	Adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm approximately. Patrick Bobinski.	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, March 17, 2017.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
D2017-006	Colville Lake will be invited to send a representative to the November 21-23 regular status meeting of the ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management).	Consensus
D2017-007	A committee is struck to review and update the SRRB's Operating Procedures, including Michael Neyelle, George Barnaby, Paul Latour, Patrick Bobinski, and Deborah Simmons.	Consensus

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2017-022	Approve allocation of \$1,000 additional funding from Wildlife Studies Fund, for a total of \$10,000 for Colville Lake to complete data sharing agreement. Jeffery Walker/Patrick Bobinski.	Consensus
M2017-023	SRRB supports the listing of the Red-necked Phalarope as a Species of Special Concern. Patrick Bobinski/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2017-024	Adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm approximately. Patrick Bobinski.	Consensus