

Deborah Simmons

Subject: Sahtu ERM Forum - Special Meeting on Sahtu Harvest Study - MEETING NOTES
Location: Toll free: 1-866-969-8429, Conf ID: 2750803

Start: Thu 2015-08-27 9:00 AM
End: Thu 2015-08-27 12:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Deborah Simmons

Required Attendees: Deborah Simmons (dsimmons62@gmail.com); Andrew Applejohn; Bradley Menacho; Bruce Hanna; Catarina Owen; Cindy Gilday (cindygilday@hotmail.com); Gilbert Turo; James Caesar; Joseph D. Hanlon; Julian Kanigan; Krista Chin; Laurel McDonald (Laurel_McDonald@gov.nt.ca); Leon Andrew; Loretta Ransom; DRRC Manager (Ed Reeves) (drrc_manager@gov.deline.ca); Charmaine Takazo (drrc_assistant@gov.deline.ca); Marie Adams; Patricia Manuel; rogerfodgaard@outlook.com; SRRB Public; sharon_tutcho@gov.nt.ca; Trudy Kochon; Janet Winbourne (jlwinbourne@yahoo.ca); Michael Neyelle; Walter Bayha; janet.bayha@pc.gc.ca; Kristi Benson; Heidi Brown (heidibrownresearch@gmail.com); Jenica von Kuster (Jenica.vonKuster@huskyenergy.com)

Meeting Record

SERM Participants

Jenica von Kuster, Bruce Hanna, James Caesar, Frederick Andrew, Laurel Macdonald, Jimmy Dillon (arrived at about 10 am)

Guests

Janet Winbourne, Michael Neyelle, Heidi Brown

Regrets

Ruby McDonald (prefers to discuss in-person), Cindy Gilday

Notes

- Prayer by Leon Andrew
- Introductions and agenda
 - Ruby McDonald noted that she would prefer to discuss such an important subject in person.
 - Frederick does not have the background materials – we will discuss this in person with him.
 - This teleconference was planned at our last meeting in as an important opportunity for Sahtú ERM Forum members to help with the design of future community engagement about the study; the Sahtú ERM Forum doesn't have enough funding to meet in person every month, so have had to develop our skills in getting things done by teleconference.
- Presentation by Janet Winbourne – Sahtú Harvest Study
 - Leon: Why is there no indication of a barren-ground caribou harvest in the Hotta Lake area? Perhaps because the caribou were close to Délı̨nę so people didn't have to travel that far during the study period, as they do regularly nowadays.

- James: How is this information used for harvest management purposes? How are Bluenose East and Bluenose West differentiated? Note that the study was completed two years before the hearing that established the first Total Allowable Harvest.
- Michael: It looks like people reported harvesting barren-ground caribou in places where we think it's only t̥q̥dz̥i.
- Deb: These questions are important, and indicate just the kind of work that needs to be done with the communities – the data only becomes meaningful if we have the stories about what it was like to harvest the different species during that period.
- Frederick: the community engagement needs to happen with harvesters and elders as soon as possible, and needs to include traditional knowledge.
- Deb: There was a lot of money and effort by community members put into this study, and there are a lot of ways that the study can be used – we can explore the possibilities through our work with community folks.
- James: It's ironic that the BCMP represents low populations as red, and the harvest study maps indicate them as high population areas (where people have harvested a lot). Deb: Visuals are very important, especially for people who aren't really into reading, so it's important to get this right.
- It will be important to verify the Dene taxonomy for the species listed – we believe the list being used was just a preliminary early effort without the benefit of assistance from community linguists.
- Frederick and Leon spoke to people's interest in having a better understanding of the mountain and t̥q̥dz̥i harvesting data.
- Janet gave a presentation with a pilot in-depth review of barren-ground caribou results.
- Discussion of approach for community engagement, including a presentation by James Caesar based on his research about land claim requirements and best practices in consultation. James approved sharing this with the community consultation guidelines development team (Joe Hanlon and Jessica Iveson).
- Deb reviewed a proposed approach based on discussions to date and including this meeting:
 - Heidi to inform communities about our process as part of her October community tour (piggybacking on the Community Mapping Initiative)
 - Sahtu ERM Forum to meet again by teleconference in late October to discuss workshop design
 - Regional workshop in November with a Working Group of knowledgeable individuals to do an in-depth review of the study
 - Develop tools based on guidance from Working Group members for community engagement
 - Community engagement led by Working Group members during December-March
 - Not sure if we have funding for a final Working Group meeting?
- After we all hung up at about 12:05 pm, Jimmy said, "Good work!"