

Tłegóhłı 2024 ʔełets'ėhkwe Godı  
*Public Listening Session Announcement and*  
**Notice**



Tłegóhłı  
 Public Listening  
**Climate Change  
 & Wildfire**



February 20-22, 2024

Notice to Sahtú Co-Management Partners and the Public, **September 11, 2023**

**The ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'ė Nákedı (Sahtu Renewable Resources Board - SRRB) is giving notice and inviting participation in the Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) 2024 ʔełets'ėhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session – PLS), on *Caribou Conservation, Climate Change and Wildfires* [ʔekw'ó heots'edıgha go ʔeʔá, ʔehdagókėgha, nek'e areyone gok'erek ó (Tulıt'a Got'ıne) / ʔyah hehkıgudı yant'a ʔadė ʔagodin, ne ké ʔedeli (Dėłıne Got'ıne) / Sahtú ʔekwe ʔeʔá, dırınéné k'e guluʔagotı, nek'e k'ó yarék'ó (K'áhsho Got'ıne)] scheduled to take place **February 20-22, 2024.****

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**Background**

The SRRB invites participation in the third Public Listening Session which will take place in Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) to address the central question, “What should people’s role be in addressing the impacts of climate change and wildfires on caribou?” The SRRB is grateful for the hospitality of the Norman Wells ʔehdzo Got'ıne (Renewable Resources Council) who are welcoming this Public Listening Session in their community.

On October 3, 2019, the ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'ė Nákedı (Sahtu Renewable Resources Board – SRRB), gave notice that it was beginning a 5-part ʔełets'ėhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session – PLS) series. The first PLS on *Sahtú Ragóʔa (Hunting Laws) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting* took place in Colville Lake on January 21-23, 2020. The second PLS on *Tıch'adıı hé Gots'edı (Living with Wildlife) – Predators and Competitors* took place on April 25-29, 2022, and was held virtually because it could not happen safely in Dėłıne due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The 5-part Public Listening Session series was undertaken to allow the SRRB to take a more comprehensive approach to considering issues that affect caribou in order to determine the most effective ways to conserve caribou. Each Public Listening Session is a Sahtú region-wide public hearing on emerging caribou conservation issues and Hı́dó Gogha Sénégots'ízá (Planning for the Future – PFF) processes for wildlife in the Sahtú Settlement Area. Each PLS addresses a theme related to caribou conservation. Previous PLS addressed Sahtú Ragóʔa (including harvest regulation) and Tı́ch'ádı́ hé ʔekwé hé Gots'eredı́ (including predators and competitors). This third PLS will address nek'e areyone gok'erek ʔ / Ne K'ə ʔedelı́ / Nek'e K'ʔ Yarék'ʔ and ʔehdagókéggha / yant'a ʔadé ʔagodın / Dırınéné K'e Guluʔagotı́ (wildfires and climate change). Future PLS will address Knowledge about Caribou and Landscapes, and the Mixed Economy.

The Public Listening Sessions also provide an opportunity for Sahtú communities to continue to develop Planning for the Future as an approach to caribou conservation based on the values and knowledge of Sahtú Dene and Métis. The SRRB adopted a policy on Hı́dó Gogha Sénégots'ízá (Planning for the Future – PFF) in the second PLS to guide community work and SRRB review and approval of written plans. A copy of that policy is available on the SRRB website <https://www.srrb.nt.ca/document-repository/public/public-hearings-registry/caribou-conservation-climate-change-and-forest-fire/rules-and-policy-documents-1/2218-h-do-gogha-se-ne-gots-a-policy>.

The third Public Listening Session will continue work done in the first and second Public Listening Session to develop decisions and recommendations about how we will continue to live with caribou in the Sahtú region.

## Terms

ʔədə	barren-ground caribou (Dehlá Got'ı́ne and K'áhsho Got'ı́ne dialect)
ʔehdzo Got'ı́ne Gots'é Nákedı́	Helpers of the Trappers; Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
ʔehdzo Got'ı́ne	Trappers; Renewable Resources Council
ʔelets'éhkwe Godı́	Listening to Each other; Public Listening Session
ʔekw'ʔ heots'edı́gha go ʔeʔá ʔyah hehk' gudı́ Sahtú ʔekwe ʔeʔá	Caribou conservation (Tulıt'a Got'ı́ne dialect, K'áhsho Got'ı́ne dialect, Délı́ne Got'ı́ne dialect)
ʔehdagókéggha yant'a ʔadé ʔagodın Dırınéné K'e Guluʔagotı́	Climate Change (Tulıt'a Got'ı́ne dialect, K'áhsho Got'ı́ne dialect, Délı́ne Got'ı́ne dialect)
Dehlá Got'ı́ne	End of the Treeline People; people of Colville Lake
Hı́dó Gogha Sénégots'ízá	Planning for the Future; Community Conservation Plan
Né K'ə Dene Ts'ı́lı́ Forum	Living on the Land Forum
Nek'e areyone gok'erek ʔ Ne K'ə ʔedelı́ Nek'e K'ʔ Yarék'ʔ	Wildfires (Tulıt'a Got'ı́ne dialect, K'áhsho Got'ı́ne dialect, Délı́ne Got'ı́ne dialect)

Sahtú Ragóza	Hunting Law (title of 2020 PLS; (Dehlá Got'ine and K'áhsho Got'ine dialect)
T'ich'ádín hé ?ekwé hé Gots'eredi	Living With Wildlife (title of 2021 PLS; Dél'ine Got'ine dialect)
Ts'ıduweh ?ədə ?ezá	Ancient Caribou Law (Dehlá Got'ine and K'áhsho Got'ine dialect)

## Acronyms

PFF	Hıdó Gogha Sénégots'ızá (Planning for the Future)
PLS	?elets'éhkwé Godı (Public Listening Session)
RRC	?ehdzo Got'ine (Renewable Resource Council)
SDMCLCA	Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement
SRRB	?ehdzo Got'ine Gots'é Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)

## Registration, Information Requests, Workshops, Submissions

### Party Registration

The SRRB invites individuals and organizations interested in participating in the Hearing as a Party to register with the SRRB in writing via email ([info@srrb.nt.ca](mailto:info@srrb.nt.ca)) or by telephone (867-374-4040).

**The deadline for registration is October 27, 2023.**

### Information Requests

The SRRB will be compiling and distributing information requests related to the ?ekw'ó heots'edıgha go ?ezá, ?ehdagókéggha, nek'e areyone gok'erek ó / ?yah hehk'gudı yant'a ?adè ?agodin, ne ké ?edeli / sahtu ?ekwe ?ezá, dırméné k'e gulu?agotı, nek'e k'ó yarék'ó directed to parties in the Public Listening Session. Round 1 Information Requests will be issued **November 15, 2023**. If you are a registered Party, you will be able to submit Information Requests to other parties. Please be prepared to submit your Information Requests by **December 8, 2023**.

### Workshops

In preparation for the Tłegóhı 2024 Public Listening Session, the SRRB is organizing a Regional Workshop with the Norman Wells RRC to be held **November 7-9, 2023**.

The SRRB is also coordinating community preparation workshops in each Sahtú community to assist communities to develop submissions for the Public Listening Session. These workshops will be held between **November 15 - December 8, 2023**.

### Submissions

The SRRB invites Parties and members of the public to provide written or oral submissions and supporting documentation concerning ?ekw'ó heots'edıgha go ?ezá, ?ehdagókéggha, nek'e areyone gok'erek ó / ?yah hehk'gudı yant'a ?adè ?agodin, ne ké ?edeli / sahtu ?ekwe ?ezá, dırméné k'e gulu?agotı, nek'e k'ó yarék'ó. Advance submissions, including written submissions and recorded

audio submissions, and supporting documentation must be filed with the SRRB by **February 16, 2024**. Please contact the SRRB if you wish to make an advance submission in another way, such as by telephone. Oral submissions will be heard during the Public Listening Session.

## Timeline

Note that submission deadlines for Parties are highlighted in **red**.

October 3, 2023	• Teleconference #1
October 24-26	• Hıdó Gogha Sénégots'ızá (Planning for the Future – PFF) Workshop
<b>October 27</b>	• <b>Deadline for Party Registration</b>
November 3	• Notice of Registered Parties
November 7-9	• Regional Workshop in Tłegóhı
November 15	• Issuance of Round 1 Information Requests
November 15 – December 8	• Community Preparation Workshops in each Sahtú community
<b>December 8</b>	• <b>Deadline for Responses to Information Requests (Round 1)</b>
January 2, 2024	• Issuance of Round 2 Information Requests – <i>if required</i>
<b>January 30</b>	• <b>Deadline for Responses to Information Requests (Round 2) – <i>if required</i></b>
February 6	• Teleconference #2
<b>February 16</b>	• <b>Deadline for Written Presentations</b>
February 20-22	• Tłegóhı 2024 Public Listening Session
<b>March 10</b>	• <b>Deadline for Final Written Arguments ** <i>This date is tentative</i></b>

## Summer 2023 Wildfires

The SRRB continues to monitor the emergency circumstances, including the evacuation of communities, arising from the 2023 wildfires burning in many places of the Northwest Territories. The SRRB will be maintaining close coordination with Tłegóhı and all parties as it begins planning and preparation for the Tłegóhı 2024 PLS. The SRRB will communicate any relevant updates as the PLS approaches. Please stay safe and follow the directions of public authorities in your communities related to fires and safe fire practices, including burn bans.

## Directions on Practice

The Tłegóhı 2024 PLS is proceeding according to the SRRB's 2019 Rules for Hearings, subject to Directions on Practice issued for this PLS.

## Deferred Issues

Through the five-part PLS series, the SRRB is taking an innovative approach to exercising its jurisdiction with respect to “hot topics” in caribou conservation. The SRRB appreciates the engagement and effort of all parties to participate and learn through this process. Issues deferred from the Colville Lake 2020 PLS are not being considered in the Tłegóhı 2024 PLS.

## This Public Listening Session is one Public Hearing

Each Public Listening Session, including the Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS, is a public hearing called by the SRRB under its authority in the SDMCLCA (s. 13.8.21(a)). The PLS facilitates the participation of parties and the public and leads to back-and-forth decision-making process outlined in the SDMCLCA (ss. 13.8.24-13.8.30). The SRRB understands each PLS as a form of public hearing within the 5-part PLS series.

## Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future - PFF)

The SRRB will be continuing its work with communities to develop Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future - PFF) leading to written plans that can be reviewed by the SRRB. The SRRB's Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future - PFF) Policy is now approved and will be used to guide the SRRB's work on PFF. During the Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS, the SRRB will be working with parties to outline the expected content for a PFF process and a PFF written plan. This work will help clarify how the SRRB will review and approve Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future - PFF) that are prepared and submitted.

More information will be provided on this during preparations for the PLS, including workshops.

## Issues

The Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS is focused on the impacts of climate change and wildfires on caribou within the larger PLS-series on caribou conservation.

### Summary of Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS Issues

- **Issues for all five PLS:**
  - What are effective ways to conserve caribou?
- **Central issue for Déłı́nė 2021 PLS:**
  - What should people's role be in addressing the impacts of climate change and wildfires on caribou?
- **Other issues**
  - What are the impacts of climate change and wildfires on people, caribou and caribou habitat?
  - How do caribou respond to climate change and wildfires?
  - What mitigation and adaptation should occur for climate change and wildfires related to caribou conservation?
  - How can Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future - PFF) reflect and respond to climate change and wildfires?
  - What is the minimum content for a Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Planning for the Future – PFF) process and written plan?

## Learn more, submit information, get involved!

The Public Registry for the Tlegóhı 2024 Public Listening Session is available online at [www.srrb.nt.ca](http://www.srrb.nt.ca). The Public Registry includes forms for Party registration (deadline **October 27**), and for commenting or providing information related to the Public Listening themes and questions. Please don't hesitate to contact SRRB staff at [info@srrb.nt.ca](mailto:info@srrb.nt.ca) or 867-374-4040 if you have questions or comments about the proceeding, or if you would like to make a submission orally or in writing.