

Information Request Round 1



Tłegóhłı
Public Listening

**Climate Change
& Wildfire**



Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session
February 20-22, 2024

Notice to Parties and the public, **November 15, 2023**

This notice includes Round 1 Information Requests (IRs) for the Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) 2024 ʔelets'ėhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session – PLS), on *Caribou Conservation, Climate Change and Wildfires* [ʔekw'ó heots'edıgha go ʔeʔá, ʔehdagókégha, nek'e areyone gok'erek ó (Tulít'a Got'ıne) / ʔyah hehk'gudı yant'a ʔadè ʔagodin, ne ké ʔedeli (Délıne Got'ıne) / Sahtú ʔekwe ʔeʔá, dirınéné k'e guluʔagottı, nek'e k'ó yarék'ó (K'áhsho Got'ıne)] scheduled to take place **February 20-22, 2024.**

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Background

On September 11, 2023 the SRRB invited individuals and organizations interested in participating in the Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) 2024 ʔelets'ėhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session – PLS) as a registered Party to register with the SRRB for 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 deadline for party registration was October 27, 2023.

The Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS is the third Public Listening Session in a series of five and will continue work done in the first and second Public Listening Sessions to develop decisions and recommendations about how we will continue to live with caribou in the Sahtú region.

For further information regarding the Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS please visit the SRRB website at:

<https://srrb.nt.ca/about-us/public-hearing/norman-wells-2024-public-listening-session#home>

Terms

ʔehdzo Got'ine ʔots'ę Nákedı	Helpers of the Trappers; Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
ʔehdzo Got'ine	Trappers; Renewable Resources Council
ʔelets'ękwę Godı	Listening to Each other; Public Listening Session
ʔekw'ó heots'edıgha go ʔeʔá ʔyah hehk' gudi Sahtú ʔekwe ʔeʔá	Caribou conservation (Tulit'a Got'ine dialect, K'áhsho Got'ine dialect, Délıne Got'ine dialect)
ʔehdagókéggha yant'a ʔadę ʔagodın Dırinéné K'e Guluʔagotı	Climate Change (Tulit'a Got'ine dialect, K'áhsho Got'ine dialect, Délıne Got'ine dialect)
Hıdó Gogha Sęnégots'ıʔá	Planning for the Future; Community Conservation Plan
Nek'e areyone gok'erek ó Ne K'ə ʔedelh Nek'e K'ó Yarek'ó	Wildfires (Tulit'a Got'ine dialect, K'áhsho Got'ine dialect, Délıne Got'ine dialect)

Acronyms

PLS	ʔelets'ękwę Godı (Public Listening Session)
SRRB	ʔehdzo Got'ine ʔots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)

Round 1 Information Requests (IRs)

A. Observations of Caribou and Climate Change in General

SRRB IRs to all Indigenous Parties:

1. Has your community observed changes in:
 - Weather systems and patterns?
 - Freeze up and/or thaw dates?
 - Permafrost?
 - Watercourses and sediment?
 - Ice build up on snow?
 - Wind speeds and/or direction?
 - Rain in winter events?
 - Other changes to weather and climate?
2. What has your community noticed about how these changes affect caribou?
3. In what ways is how you harvest caribou been affected by these changes?
4. How has the quality of the caribou affected by these changes, if any?
5. What, if any, new dangers or safety concerns are showing up on the land with the changes observed?
6. What does your community look for to know if it is safe to go on the land or if there is any danger due to these changes?

7. Do the above dangers or concerns affect how your community accesses land and water?
8. What stories does your community have about climate change from the ancestors, grandfathers or grandmothers, or other knowledge holders?
9. How is the weather and climate change described in your indigenous language?

B. Observations Wildfire and Caribou

SRRB IRs to all Indigenous Parties:

1. How does your community view/value wildfire?
2. What changes in wildfires has your community observed over time?
 - i. When did your community first notice these changes?
 - ii. Where on the land have the wildfire changes been seen?
3. What changes has your community observed in smoke and any lingering affects? In humans? In caribou?
4. What stories does your community have about wildfires and burning from the ancestors, your grandfathers or grandmothers, or other knowledge holders?
5. Does your community distinguish between good and bad wildfires? If so, what are the characteristics of each?
6. How are different types of fires described in your indigenous language?
7. What changes in wind and how wind affect wildfires have your community observed?
8. What effects of wildfires on caribou or caribou habitat has you community observed?
9. Where on the land and/or water have these changes been noticed?
10. How long does it take for caribou food and habitat to return after burning?
11. What can be done to protect caribou and caribou habitat from wildfires?

SRRB IRs to Sahtú Youth

1. How can the SRRB better support youth participation in climate change action?
2. (e.g.) How does climate change affect opportunities for intergenerational knowledge transfer on the land and water?
3. Is climate change anxiety/eco-anxiety common amongst youth in the Sahtu?
4. What kind of educational opportunities (camps, classroom, workshops other) would you find useful to understand climate change? Wildfires?
5. What opportunities do you have to voice your concerns about climate change?
6. What opportunities would you like to have to voice your concerns about climate change?
7. What opportunities would you like to have to contribute to the fight against climate change?

C. Additional Questions

SRRB IRs to all interested parties

1. Do you have questions for other parties?
2. What effects does government forestry management have on wildfires?

SRRB IRs to the Government of the Northwest Territories Questions

1. What are the impacts of climate change in the Sahtú Settlement Area on caribou and caribou habitat?

2. How are climate change plans or policies addressing caribou? Are other plans/policies anticipated?
3. What programs or supports are available to communities for adaptation or mitigation measures related to climate change or wildfire impacts on caribou?
4. What are the predicted impacts of climate change for this region?
5. What adaptations or mitigations need to be planned in response to the predicted impacts?
6. Does your government distinguish between the terms “wildfire” and “forest fire”? If so, does your government have internal policies or guides about when it is appropriate to use one term over the other?
7. Do you have modelling programs for future fires? If so, please describe how these models work.
8. What is the GNWT Climate Change Framework and what does it say about the role of ʔehdzo Got'ı ne ʔots'ę' Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) / ʔehdzo Got'ı ne (Renewable Resource Councils) in the Framework?

Late Registration

The SRRB will continue to consider registration requests from individuals and organizations on a case-by-case basis. Individuals and organizations interested in participating in the ʔegóhłı 2024 PLS as a registered Party should submit a registration request to the SRRB in writing via email (info@srrb.nt.ca) or by telephone (867-374-4040).

Workshops

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 climate change and wildfire. 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**.

November 15 – December 8	• Community Preparation Workshops in each Sahtú community
December 8	• Deadline for Responses to Information Requests (Round 1)
January 2, 2024	• Issuance of Round 2 Information Requests – <i>if required</i>
January 30	• Deadline for Responses to Information Requests (Round 2) – <i>if required</i>
February 6	• Teleconference #2
February 16	• Deadline for Written Presentations

February 20-22	• Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session
March 10	• Deadline for Final Written Arguments ** <i>This date is tentative</i>

Learn more, submit information, get involved!

The Public Registry for the Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session is available online at www.srrb.nt.ca. The Public Registry includes forms for Party registration, 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 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.