

Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session Update

Deferring Closure of the Record

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February 20-22, 2024



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**Climate Change
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Notice to Parties and the Public, **April 3, 2024**

Deferring Closure of the Record

The SRRB is giving notice on the record that it is **deferring closure of the record of the Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS until further notice following receipt of a request sent on behalf of the Fort Good Hope Panel and Fort Good Hope Renewable Resources Council.**

The Fort Good Hope Panel and the Fort Good Hope Renewable Resources Council (FGH-RRC) have indicated their intent to bring a formal objection to or make a motion regarding the SRRB’s decision to accept late submissions from the Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Climate Change (ECC) and Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council (NWRRC) as outlined in its correspondence dated March 28, 2024 (a copy of this email is posted to the Registry).

The SRRB is deferring closure of the record to allow Fort Good Hope time to submit any objection or motion about the procedural fairness of the Board’s decision. Any objection or motion from Fort Good Hope must be received 5PM MT on April 12, 2024.

Procedural History

The procedural history of the Board’s decision to accept late submissions is as follows:

February 26	The SRRB issued a notice with Round 3 IRs. The deadline for IR3 responses, final written arguments, and corrections to the transcript was March 11, 2024.
March 7	FGH RRC submitted their IR 3 responses.
March 11	FGH RRC and Délıne ʔehdzo Got’ıne submitted their final written arguments.
March 11	The SRRB received requests from Environment and Climate Change Canada and NWRRC to extend the deadline for submissions of IR3 responses and final written arguments. The SRRB extended the deadline to March 18, 2024.
March 18	Environment and Climate Change Canada submitted its IR3 response.

March 19	The Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change (ECC) requested an extension of the March 18 deadline to March 22. The SRRB accepted this request and issued a notice extending the deadline to March 22, 2024. Note: this notice was posted on the public registry, but it was mistakenly posted in the “correspondence” folder.
March 22	ECC submitted their IR3 responses and final written arguments.
March 23	The SRRB posted ECC’s submissions to the public registry.
March 26	Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council (NWRRC) submitted their final written arguments and responses to IR3, as well as additional information requests to other parties. NWRRC did not request an extension to make late submissions.
March 28	The SRRB issued a notice indicating that it had decided to accept ECC and NWRRC’s late submissions according to its Rules. The SRRB did not accept NWRRC’s additional information requests for the record. The SRRB indicated that it planned to close the record on April 5, 2024.
March 28	FGH RRC requested SRRB defer closing the record to allow FGH RRC time to object or make a motion about the SRRB’s decision to accept late submissions.

Other

The Board has posted an additional memo to the registry from its independent science advisor, Lorne Gould, which was received on March 1, 2024. This memo was not previously posted to the registry by mistake.

The SRRB is giving parties notice it will also delay completion of its Tłegóhłı 2024 PLS hearing report due to the deferral of closing the record. An updated timeline for the hearing report will be provided in the future.

Contact us!

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