



Deadline for responses Tuesday January 30, 2024

This template includes Round 2 Information Requests (IRs) addressed to Tulıt'a ʔehdzo Got'ıne, for the Norman Wells 2024 Public Listening Session on ʔełets'éhkwę Godı (*Caribou Conservation, Climate Change and Wildfires*) being held February 20-22, 2024.

IRs are written requests for information directed to a Party or Parties in the PLS. Please submit responses to Round 2 IRs by **January 30, 2024**.

Contact Stephanie Yuill for any assistance you might need completing the questions (planner@srrb.nt.ca or (867) 446.9076).

Round 2 Information Requests (IRs) for Communities

A. Communication about climate change

IRs from the SRRB to all Sahtú Communities:

1. What is the best way for governments and other agencies to communicate information to your community about climate change, changes to the land, and changes to the animals?

- Facebook is good but not every is on it. Need to do more. Twitter
- Lots of people don't have social media. Younger people are on it. Reading etc.
- Radio. Send information to CBC Northbeat.
- Formal meetings.
- Tour by Minister etc. But Minister's don't know the details. Want people who can communicate to the people. Give to big cheeses, never gets to them.
- Get to the people for action plans.
- Send info/meetings to RRCs on USB.
- How do we get to the older people?
- Have a liaison in each community.
- Have reporters come in to the community.
- In person. One on one. Direct communication.
- Minister and DM's – for the upper management. Therefore, a paper trail.
- Video conferencing.
- Posting stuff.
- Interviews – one on one.

B. Questions about adaptation to changes you cannot control, including climate change and wildfires

IRs from the SRRB to all Sahtú Communities:

1. As land users, has your community changed the way you live, move, or behave on the land, in response to changes you have noticed on the land? What kinds of things are people in your community doing differently?

- Travelling by boat has impacted. Just have to be careful not to get stuck on sandbars
- Taking longer to get to places...in part because fire fallen trees. Get tired easier from travelling. And it's dirty.
- Fire impacted the lands. Difficult to get around. Trails need to be cut again because of fallen trees from fires.
- Mudslides and permafrost. Taking longer as we have to go around the melting and slides.
- Caribou moving farther away. Maybe smoke?
- Smoke. We don't go outside because of the smoke (especially elders, those with respiratory problems).
- Ice is kind of soft. Open water. Needs to be more careful. People are more cautious!!
- Moose coming in, coming in where caribou used to be.
- People are scared of melting permafrost. Worried about the upcoming summer. Will there be a fire right away?

2. What role should humans have in helping caribou adapt to changes in the climate?

- We do have a role but not sure how.
- We've been seeing changes for years and not being able to do anything.
- Not really, it's a nature thing.
- We can't manage the animal.
- Relocate animals?
- Do something about muskox and wolf to help caribou. Hunt muskox as much as you can. Get more wolves. Their destiny is supposed to be on the barren lands.
- Sahtu outfitters seeing more muskox sticking around areas...hardly seeing caribou...muskox pushing them further up (north).
- All the downfall has an impact on the animals. Animals can't walk over it. Trees are just flat.

3. Has your community started planning or taking actions related to climate change or wildfires and their impacts on caribou? What kind of actions has your community taken?

- Nope

4. What resources does your community need to adapt to and mitigate the effects changes on the land that you cannot control, such as climate change and wildfires?

- We had SRRB and other workers in Tulita in the past...not in the community anymore.
- We want them here to start communicating about Climate Change. Want to know where to start with Climate Change. Lack of communication.
- There are places for rent. It's hard to move forward ... need SRRB. Land and Water Board in FGH. Be good to have people here. Much easier to work together. ED needs support for his work here in Tulita.
- We have no resources to help with Climate Change. Want a human body. I.e. funding requests for trails
- Fire fighting equipment (own hoses, sprinklers, water pumps, Wajax pumps – have the community own it – instead of the government). Takes so long to get there.
- Forecast, this summer is going to be worse than last year. Too smoky here to save cabins; so community went to save. Volunteers from Tulita but ECC wouldn't give out the hoses etc. After the fire out...the chopper. This is peoples' livelihoods.
- The land needs a guardianship. Not looking at conservation area...the land is broad.
- Educate people in language etc., they are the ones who are going to be taking over.

5. Does your community have stories about how communities should respond or adapt to changes on the land that you cannot control? Can you share how you have learned from these stories to guide your community in a good way in the past? Can you share how you learn from these stories now?

- Elders used to talk about what's going to happen but not about how to deal with it.
- They knew things were coming (i.e. SARS).
- Knew technology is going to take over but will crash. Lots of war.
- They tell us to save five things: knife, shell, axes, gun, net. Find a hill to build a cabin in the hill and store things there.
- Times change. Technology change but trapping and on the land not different. It's in our blood

6. Do you have any comments about other parties' responses to round 1 IRs? To help us understand your comments, please indicate both the party who gave the response and which of their IR responses you are commenting on. Other parties' responses can be found at: <https://www.srrb.nt.ca/document-repository/public/public-hearings-registry/caribou-conservation-climate-change-and-forest-fire/02-1-submissions-response-to-infomation-requests>.

- What about the afterburns? What about fires that are still burning underground?
- What about trails? Trails to cut to cabins (with so much fallen trees)? Who can help us/ Need traditional trails cut.
- Old trails are burnt.

C. Observations of caribou and climate change in general

IRs from Déljñę to all Sahtú Communities:

1. Please share any information you have about ticks and other bugs or illnesses impacting ɔ́kwę.

- More bugs on moose though.
- 2 years ago, saw moose with ticks.
- Not really on caribou.

IRs from the SRRB to all Sahtú Communities:

1. Please share any changes, if any, has your community observed in:

- a. Mice and/or other small rodents
- b. Birds

- Don't see many squirrels.
- Still lots of mice.
- Hardly see any mosquitoes, flies. Even when working on meat.
- Fruit flies has increased.
- Bulldogs are increasing.
- Seeing different birds
- Not seeing a lot of songbirds.
- Seeing more rabbit and ptarmigan.
- Martens are starting to pick up, especially this year.

2. If you have observed changes in bugs/insects, mice and/or other small rodents, or birds, have these changes affected caribou? In what ways?

D. Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'ía (Planning for the Future – PFF) – Planning, Climate Change and Wildfires

IRs from the SRRB to all Sahtú communities

1. How can Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'ía (Planning for the Future – PFF) help you address and respond to climate change impacts and wildfires?

- Younger generation, education them about what's coming up.
- Give them some traditional knowledge how to survive and be prepared. Focus on young people.

2. What content should be included in a Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'ía (Planning for the Future – PFF) written plan to address climate change impacts and wildfires?

- Education
- Survival training

- Traditional knowledge.
- Teach them the language.

E. Hı́do Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́a (Planning for the Future – PFF) – Planning Process

IRs from the SRRB to all Sahtú communities

1. How is planning described in your language? Can you share key terms or terminology in your dialect about community planning?

- Nobody plans anything. I.e. want to go to Drum Lake, but saw ice on ice and changed ideas. You don't know what you're doing till you do.
- You just go as you go.
- Just do daily life.
- Things just come automatic.

2. What stories does your community have about how your community can work together to make decisions and plan for a good life from the ancestors, grandfathers or grandmothers, or other knowledge holders? Can you share how you have learned from these stories to guide your community in a good way in the past? Can you share how you learn from these stories now?

3. What are good ways of community planning according to Dene and Metis? What are good ways of community planning?

- Everyone works together.
- Things come naturally.
- Just do as you go along.
- Listen to the elders.

4. What kind of planning work has your community done for Hı́do Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́a (Planning for the Future – PFF) since the second PLS (April 2022)?

- Nothing so far.
- November – attended the one meeting.

5. For communities that have started Hı́do Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́a (Planning for the Future – PFF), can you share:
 - a. Your experience with planning as a community; and

b. Any lessons or tips about planning that could help other communities?

NA

6. Do you have any other contributions or comments to share about how communities plan and/or Hjdó Gogha Sênégots'íá (Planning for the Future – PFF) in general?

- Communication with others around us: Tlicho, IRC. How are they adapting?
- You can never move ahead without funding. Need help.
- Involve/hire youth.