

BLUENOSE EAST CARIBOU HEARING



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**RE: Invitation to Pre-Hearing Conference - February 19, 10 am-noon
Extension of Deadline for Information Requests - February 12
Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board Public Registry**

Dear Parties:

This letter provides information on three topics:

1. An invitation to the Parties in the Sahtú Bluenose East Caribou Management Hearing to a **February 19, 2016 Pre-Hearing Conference by telephone at 10 am-noon, 1-866-969-8429 and code 4950573#** - and a request to confirm participation in the Conference at 867-588-4040, or info@srrb.nt.ca.
2. Notice that the ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑎᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑎᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑎᕐ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – SRRB) is **extending the deadline for Parties' Information Requests** to ENR and Déljñę, about their management proposals, to February 12, 2016.
3. Notice that further to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) for collaborative Bluenose East hearings, the **SRRB will consider all information posted to the WRRB Public Registry as evidence** in its 2016 Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Proceeding. All documents found on the WRRB Public Registry can be viewed at: <http://www.wrrb.ca/>.

1. Invitation to a Pre-Hearing Conference

The SRRB invites Parties in the Bluenose East Caribou Management Hearing to a Pre-Hearing Conference on February 19 at 10 am-noon. The Pre-Hearing Conference is an opportunity for the Parties and SRRB to prepare for the public Hearing. By participating, you will have more information about the Hearing process and how to prepare for it. You will also be helping the

SRRB to focus the discussions on the key issues and to shape the process for the best outcome for all the Parties and the caribou.

Pre-Hearing Conference Objectives

- Review of the process for the Hearing
- Confirmation of the Parties participating in the Hearing
- Provision of a list of issues that the SRRB anticipates will be addressed in the Hearing (the SRRB will send this to the Parties before the phone call)
- Confirmation of the witnesses (including expert witnesses and traditional knowledge witnesses) who will be speaking at the Hearing for the Parties
- Based on the number of topics and Parties, suggested time allotments for the presentations by the Parties at the Hearing
- Any other motions or questions about the Hearing process
- Confirmation of the date, time and location of the Hearing

Preparing for the Pre-Hearing Conference

Please get ready for the Pre-Hearing Conference by preparing the following (to share orally on the phone call):

- A list of issues you think need to be addressed in the Hearing
- A list of the witnesses you intend to use at the Hearing (and what issues they will be addressing)
- Any questions you have about the process

The Pre-Hearing Conference will take place at **10:00 am-noon on February 19, 2016** and you can participate by calling **1-866-969-8429, conference code 4950573**.

2. Extension of Deadline for Information Requests to February 12

The SRRB provided a timeline in its Notice of the Hearing, including deadlines for Information Requests to ENR and Délįnę about their caribou management proposals. The SRRB is extending the deadline for Parties to submit Information Requests to ENR and Délįnę to **February 12, 2016**. The SRRB requests that ENR and Délįnę provide responses to these Information Requests by February 18, 2016.

Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board Public Registry

The ʔehdzo Got'įnę Gotsę Nákedı and the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board signed a *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaborative Efforts for the Management of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd* in October 2015 to ensure hearing proceedings and decisions related to management of the Bluenose-East caribou herd are as effective as possible. Each

Board will conduct its own proceeding, including public hearings in both the Sahtú and Wek'èezhìi regions.

As per Section 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding, the two Boards agreed to cooperate and share information where possible, and to seek opportunities to enhance public awareness of their respective Proceedings. Therefore, as a part of this collaborative arrangement, the SRRB will consider all information posted to the WRRB Public Registry as evidence in its 2016 Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Proceeding. All documents found on the WRRB Public Registry can be viewed at: www.wrrb.ca. The Memorandum of Understanding can be found on both the WRRB and SRRB Public Registries.

If you have any questions about the Pre-Hearing Conference, the extension of the deadline for information requests, the SRRB and WRRB Public Registries, or other matters related to the Hearing, please contact Joe Hanlon at 867-588-4040, or info@srrb.nt.ca.

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