



Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing

March 1-3, 2016 • Délı̄nę, Northwest Territories

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RE: Revised Timelines and Draft Hearing Agenda

This letter notifies the Parties that the timeline for NWT Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) responses to Information Requests has been extended to February 26. The deadline for written hearing presentations is Sunday, February 28. Both Information Request responses and presentations will be posted to the Public Registry for this hearing at www.srrb.nt.ca.

The draft hearing agenda is appended to this letter, along with the *List of Key Emerging Issues* which was developed based on discussions in the Sahtú Region over the past year, the two proposals under consideration, as well as Information Requests submitted. The Board still welcomes input on whether additional key issues should be added to the list.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Bluenose East Caribou Hearing please contact me at (867) 588-4040 or info@srrb.nt.ca.

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Joseph Hanlon
Program Coordinator

Hearing Agenda - DRAFT

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Déłıne Arena



Tuesday, March 1

- 9:00 Opening Prayer
Chair's Opening Comments
- 9:30 Presentation of Déłıne Panel 1 hour
Parties' Questions for Déłıne Panel 1 hour
- 1:00 Presentation of ENR Panel 1 hour
Parties' Questions of Deline for ENR Panel 1 hour
- 4:00 Irene Kodakin Presentation and Questions
- 7:00 Déłıne Community Presentations

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 am-noon and 1:00-5:00 pm Presentations (1-1½ hour each) by Sahtú Communities, and questions (½ hour each)

- Fort Good Hope Panel
- Colville Lake Panel
- Tulita Panel
- Norman Wells Panel

Thursday, March 3

- 9:00 Presentation and Questions from Sahtú Youth Network (1.5 hours)
- 11:00 Presentation by Technical Advisor Colin Macdonald and Parties' Questions
- 1:30 Presentation by Technical Advisor Allice Legat and Parties' Questions
- 3:00 Closing Remarks by proponents (Déłıne and NWT Environment and Natural Resources)
- 4:00 Chair's Closing Remarks

List of Key Emerging Issues

The SRRB requests that Parties review this list and consider whether there are additional key issues that are likely to arise in the hearing and that can be shared with the SRRB and other Parties.



Consultation

- Consultation approaches and needs.

Knowledge

- Changing caribou ecology and habitat concerns, including fire management (eg. range, size, intensity) and calving ground habitat.
- Caribou monitoring approaches and options (including use of collars, methods for estimating population size and movement, estimates of reported and “true” harvest).
- Herd definition: one herd versus three Bluenose herds.
- Predator (eg. grizzly bear and wolf) relationships with caribou.
- Cumulative effects considerations.
- Cross regional considerations in research and monitoring.

Conservation measures

- Caribou conservation/stewardship approaches, including definition and use of conservation and existence and scope of a conservation concern.
- Area versus population-based approaches to caribou conservation.
- Harvest management approaches (including the basis for suggested regional allocations)
- Harvesting yárégo (smaller males) versus tsída (females)
- Predator control.
- Community well-being in the context of changing caribou populations (eg. health, culture, spirituality, education/knowledge transmission, food security, economic impacts).
- Co-management options and approaches (eg. roles and responsibilities of co-management partners).
- Management plan implementation (including enforcement, authorization, and harvest reporting options).
- Cross-regional conservation considerations.

Communication and education

Communication and education approaches.

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