

Joint Mountain Caribou Meeting

Held July 23-24, 2014
Ross River, YT

'It is really important to try to protect as much of our values, our interests on our land' – Norman Sterriah

Participants in the meeting reached consensus on five recommendations:

1. Permission to hunt

That the Tulít'a Renewable Resources Council put in place a requirement for all non-Sahtú beneficiaries and non-Ross River Dena land users to obtain permission to harvest in the Dechenla/K'á T'é shared traditional territory.

2. Resident and non-resident hunting

That the Government of the Northwest Territories put in place an immediate closure on the resident caribou harvest in the Dechenla/K'á T'é area for at least two years.

3. Caribou stewardship planning

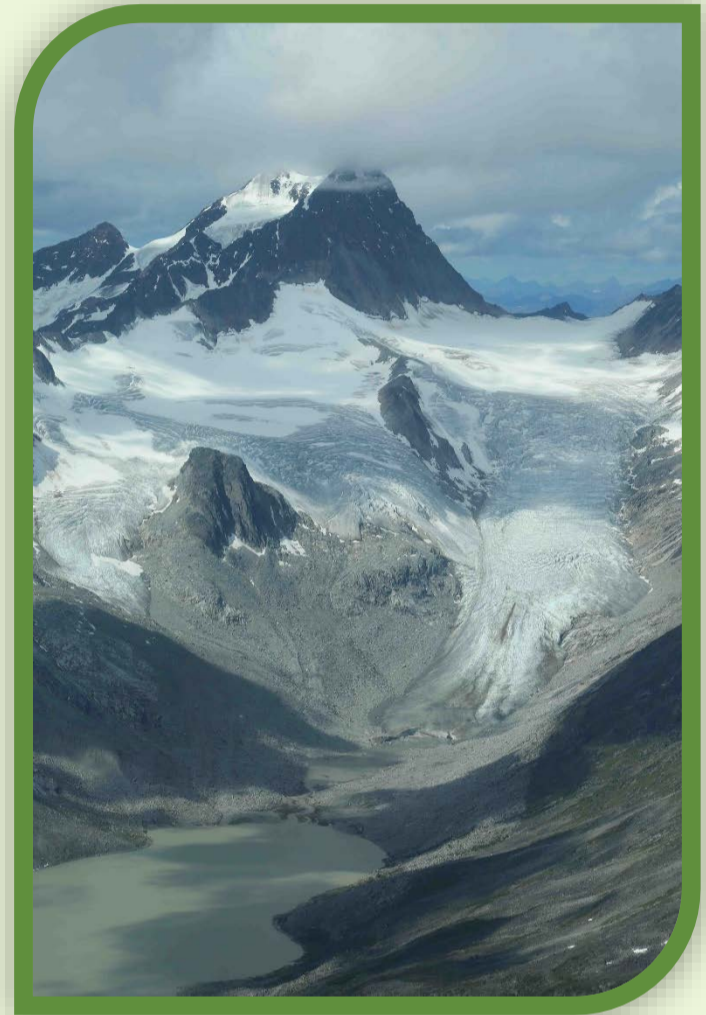
That a two year joint caribou stewardship planning process be undertaken including delegates of the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board, Tulít'a Renewable Resources Council, and Ross River Dena Council.

4. Ross River check station

That check stations operated by Ross River Dena and Sahtú Dene (or Government of the NWT enforcement officers) be established in Ross River and at Mile 222 respectively for at least two years to monitor permitting and big game harvest for the area encompassing Ross River and Dechenla/ K'á T'é shared traditional territory.

5. Friendship treaty

That Ross River Dena and Tulít'a Dene leaders take the necessary steps to establish a Friendship Treaty.



'People have to start doing something. If the animals are no longer there what will happen to the people? That is their source of food, clothing and shelter. Up there we have to look after the water, animals and land. Those three things are the most important things in our lives' – Dorothy Dick