Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Laws) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting

Déline Responses - Round 2 Information Requests



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Topic 1: Traditional Harvesting Practices

IRs to All Parties

1.1 Could you provide examples of traditional caribou conservation measures used in your community? (ENR)

By not harvesting too much. By not bothering them.

1.2 Could you describe the traditional harvesting practices of your community as they relate to harvesting cows vs bulls or different age classes of animals throughout the year? (ENR)

Traditionally you didn't harvest too much so it didn't matter Majority were young males

Topic 2: Hunter Education

IRs to All Parties

2.1 During the collaborative drafting of the Wildlife Act, which included representatives from Aboriginal governments and wildlife co-management boards, it was heard that a hunter education course should be developed and made available to all hunters in the NWT. As of January 1, 2020, the course will be a legislated requirement for new hunters in the NWT. It is online, free and available now (www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/hunter-education). Although Sahtú rights holders are exempt from the requirement to take the course, we previously heard a desire for Sahtú youth and new or inexperienced hunters to take the course. ENR can make these courses available in-person, would you be interested in this style of delivery?

Better to do it in person as we are visual learners.

Topic 3: Transboundary Agreements

IR to Déline and Colville

3.1 As discussed in the SRRB's 2016 Bluenose East ?ekwé Hearing Report, community conservation plans are based on principles of self-regulation. These plans are means for communities to develop their own approaches to caribou conservation while recognizing the need for accountability and sharing across boundaries, as outlined in the Taking Care of Caribou plan for Cape Bathurst, Bluenose West and Bluenose East 20do/2ekwé (barren- ground caribou) and associated Action Plans. However, Wildlife Management authorities from neighbouring regions have expressed concerns that to date, community conservation planning and self-regulation processes have not complied with the spirit and intent of cross-regional agreements for sharing harvest information, which are consistent with the obligation to collect and provide harvesting data outlined in the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (SDMCLCA). There is concern about lack of information on howharvest data is collected, leading to lack of confidence in the quality of the data. Please clarify how you plan to address these concerns. (SRRB)

A response will be provided at the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session.

Topic 4: Public Listening Process and Timelines *IR to All Parties*

4.2 The SRRB recognizes that evaluation of each Public Listening Session and advance planning and scoping for future Sessions will support fulsome evidence gathering, fairness, and impactful decision-making. The Board hopes to launch Session 2 as early as possible in 2020. Please provide comments on the following preliminary draft timeline for Session 2, based on your experience with Colville 2020 Public Listening Session activities and timelines.

Preliminary Draft Timeline for Public Listening Session 2

Funding proposals for Public Listening Session 2	February 15, 2020
"Save the date" Public Listening Session Notice	February 15, 2020
Delivery of Public Listening budget	February 15, 2020
Confirmation of CIRNAC supplemental funding	May 1, 2020
Formal Notice of Public Listening	May 15, 2020
Deadline for Registration	June 12, 2020
Identification of Parties	June 19, 2020
Issuance of Round 1 Information Requests (IRs)	June 19, 2020
Pre-Public Listening Teleconference 1	June 26, 2020
Regional/Community Preparation Meetings and Workshops	June 29-Sept 15, 2020
Submission of Proposals and Round 1 Responses to IRs	October 1, 2020

Issuance of Round 2 IRs	October 9, 2020
Responses to Round 2 IRs	November 9, 2020
Issuance of Round 3 IRs (if needed)	November 13, 2020
Responses to Round 3 IRs	December 15, 2020
Deadline for Written Presentations	January 18, 2021
Public Listening Session	January 26-28, 2021
Deadline for Final Written Arguments	February 15, 2021
SRRB Board Decisions Meeting	February 26, 2021
SRRB Report with Reasons for Decision Released	March 31, 2021

This sounds good because we should be learning from the first one to improve the rest of them.