

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
Special Board Meeting
6-7 November 2001
Norman Wells, NT**

6 November 2001

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Winter Lennie
Celina Stroeder
Keith Hickling
Lucy Jackson
Ruby McDonald

STAFF

Jody Snortland

GUESTS

Doug Stewart – Director of Fish & Wildlife, RWED
Lynda Yonge – Wildlife Management Specialist, RWED
Kelly Hougen – President & Outfitter, AMMO
Stan Stevens – Outfitter, AMMO

1. Call to Order

- Meeting convened @ 1:30 p.m.
- Thank you to RWED for providing funding for meeting

2. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

- Agenda additions:
 - Outfitter's Licence for Deline
 - Executive Director Trainee
 - Staffing Update
 - Policies & Procedures
 - Other

SRRB Motion #11-06-01-01

- To approve the board meeting agenda with additions

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Archie Lennie Sr.

Carried Unanimously

3. New Business

a. Wildlife Act & Species at Risk Legislation Presentation – Doug Stewart & Lynda Yonge

- 'Protecting NWT Species at Risk – a Northern Approach' discussion paper tabled

- The proposed Recovery Cycle:
 - Species at Risk Committee (made up of experts on wildlife, habitat, TEK, etc.) will have a special status report produced for a species; report will make a recommendation to the public and Minister; at this time, consultations will occur with Aboriginal governments, co-management boards, wildlife agencies, and the public
 - If species put on Endangered or Threatened list, automatic prohibitions will be enacted, e.g., no killing, harming, harassing, capturing or damaging of habitat; also, a recovery team will put together a strategy to help a species recover (this strategy must be approved by co-management boards and the Minister)
 - Minister is responsible for ensuring that the recovery strategy is implemented; every 10 years, a species status will be re-assessed
 - Species at Risk legislation will also have measures for emergency listings, protecting critical habitat, penalties for any infractions involving species at risk, and stewardship & compensation programs
- Federal Species at Risk legislation will take precedence over the territorial legislation; national framework to be developed (negotiate bilateral agreement between federal and territorial governments)
- 'Drafting a New Wildlife Act: Conservation for Today and Tomorrow' discussion paper tabled
- Following WAAG and public consultations, RWED will prepare position paper for Minister with its recommended approach (legislative proposal); then onto cabinet for approval of proposal; draft legislation will be written and go before the legislative assembly for 1st & 2nd readings (Spring to Fall 2002); draft will then go to the standing committee and the public can provide further input through MLA (Winter 2002); finally draft will go back to the legislative assembly for 3rd reading & to pass the legislation (Spring 2003)
- Overall intent of the new act is to: give more authority to wildlife legislation (easier to make changes); integrate land claim agreements and the Charter of Rights; ability to help protect critical habitat (Protected Areas Strategy)
- Land claim integration will be dealt with by a SSI committee and RWED over the next year (until draft legislation is written)

Recessed at 4:55 p.m.

7 November 2001

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Keith Hickling
Lucy Jackson
Ruby McDonald

Leonard Kenny
Archie Lennie Sr.
Paul Latour
Russell Hall

STAFF

Jody Snortland

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Stan Stevens – Outfitter, AMMO
Jamie Chambers – Wildlife Officer, RWED

Reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

a. Wildlife Act & Species at Risk Legislation Presentation – Doug Stewart & Lynda Yonge - continued

- Discussions focused on the following issues: GHF licences, non-resident Aboriginal harvesters, resident hunting licences, hunter training, outfitters, tags & quotas (barren-ground caribou, moose, wolf, wolverine), collecting harvest information, minimum & maximum firearm calibers, baiting, harassment, hunting with aircrafts, minimum hunting age, no-hunting & no-shooting corridors, meat wastage, feeding game meat to domestic animals, export of meat and parts, possession of live wildlife, export of live wildlife, compliance and penalties
- SRRB's official position to be sent to Doug Stewart by 30 November; each board member to complete the supplement response forms provided by 16 November; answers to be compiled and discussed on a conference call by 23 November

4. Additional Business

a. Outfitting Licence Application – Deline

- Grey Goose Outfitting Business Plan – January 2000 tabled (confidential)
- Community initiative; plans for test hunts in early 2002; no inter-community problems
- Require board's support for big game hunting licence (issued by RWED); rushing so advertising for next season can begin immediately
- SRRB's main concerns are about the resources (sustainable harvest); currently no management issues and RRCs have agreed on tag allocation

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-02

- To support Deline's outfitting licence application

Moved by: Russ Hall
Seconded by: Archie Lennie Sr.
Abstained: Ruby McDonald
Carried

b. Executive Director Trainee

- Job description & skills assessment completed by John Stevenson, RT & Associates
- Advertise: News/North, Mackenzie Valley Viewer, community channels, Bands, Land Corporations, RRCs, employment officers
- Aggressive recruitment
- Deadline date: 10 December 2001

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-03

- To advertise for executive director trainee position

Moved by: Leonard Kenny
Seconded by: Paul Latour
Carried Unanimously

c. Staffing Update

- Ben had indicated in October that he may be leaving; he has confirmed that he will be staying (turned down another job offer)

d. Policies & Procedures

- Judith has still not completed policies and procedures manual
- To send a final letter from Winter indicating a final deadline of 16 November 2001; if not completed by deadline, will involve the authorities and seek legal action

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-04

- To write final letter to Judith Wright-Bird re: completion of policies & procedures

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Lucy Jackson
Carried Unanimously

e. Land Claim Integration into New Wildlife Act

- Ruby designated by SSI to form committee to ensure land claim provisions are incorporated into new Wildlife Act; committee to consist of individuals from SRRB, SSI, RRCs, Land Corporations; legal assistance?
- Require 1-2 members to assist – Paul Latour

f. Next 10 Year Funding

- Inquiry about the status of SRRB's request for the next ten-year implementation period
- SSI to meet with implementation committee in December 2001
- Co-management boards (SSI, SRRB, SLUPB, SLWB) to meet in January 2002 to come up with strategy regarding funding

g. Next Meeting Date

- February 11-15, 2001 in Fort Good Hope, NT

h. Conflict of Interest

- MVEIRB reluctant to share legal opinion regarding conflict of interest as feel it is irrelevant to our situation
- Considered perceived apprehension of bias rather than conflict of interest
- SRRB should maintain certain neutrality; seek legal opinion (guidelines for conflict of interest or bias)
- Determine cost & time estimate (ensure cost will not be too high)

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-05

- To seek legal opinion regarding conflict of interest issues

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

i. Web Page Updates

- Jody asked to have approval from members to put approved SRRB minutes on web site
- SRRB is a public board and is required to maintain a public file (13.8.39)

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-06

- To put approved minutes on SRRB web site

Moved by: Russ Hall

Seconded by: Lucy Jackson

Abstained: Ruby McDonald

Carried

5. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #11-07-01-07

- To adjourn meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by: Lucy Jackson

Seconded by: Keith Hickling

Carried Unanimously

Chairman

Date

Approval of minutes: