

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting  
27 & 28 September 2004  
Tulita, NT**

**September 27, 2004**

**\*\* NOTE:** The Board and RRCs met separately to discuss common issues. Notes from both meetings are included.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>GUEST</u></b>
	Walter Bayha	Lorraine Tremblay
	Ronald Pierrot	
	Paul Latour	<b><u>STAFF</u></b>
	Leonard Kenny	Jody Snortland
	Russell Hall	
	Steve Hannah – Acting	

**Meeting convened @ 1:41 p.m.**

**1. Opening Prayer**

- Opening prayer by Walter Bayha

**2. Review of Agenda**

- Agenda revisions:
  - Add to Review of Audit & Financial Statement – TAL Statement of Investment Policy & Procedure, Signing Authority
  - Add to Business Arising from Minutes – Maternity Leave, Inventory
  - Add to New Business – Scholarship Review, Proposed Changes to RWED Policies, Involvement in 2005 NWT Species Ranking

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-01**

- To accept the agenda with above revisions

**Moved by: Russell Hall  
Seconded by: Paul Latour  
Carried Unanimously**

**3. Review of Previous Minutes**

- 5 March 2004, Conference Call
  - F250 Truck sold to Joe Grandejambe, Fort Good Hope, for \$5000

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-02**

- To accept the 5 March 2004 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall  
Seconded by: Walter Bayha  
Carried Unanimously**

- 8–9 June 2004
  - Reviewed status of ACTION items (complete/incomplete)

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-03**

- To accept the 8–9 June 2004 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Paul Latour**  
**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**4. Review of Financials**

**a) 2003-04 Audited Financial Statement**

- Lorraine Tremblay, CGA, outlined layout and status of current audit
- No management report included b/c most outstanding items have been cleared up in the last couple of years

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-04**

- To accept 2003-04 Audited Financial Statement as presented

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

**b) Financial Statement as of 13 September 2004**

- Members indicated that reviewing statements during board meetings is sufficient

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-05**

- To accept Financial Statement, as of 13 September 2004, as presented

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Seconded by: Russ Hall**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**c) TAL Statement of Investment Policy & Procedure**

- Reviewed updated Statement of Investment Policy & Procedure prepared by Deborah Lewis, TAL Investment Manager
- Newest addition: income trusts; statement reviewed annually

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-06**

- To accept the TAL Statement of Investment Policy & Procedure as presented

**Moved by: Paul Latour**  
**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**d) Signing Authority**

- During Jody's absence, addition of Lori Ann Lennie as official signing authority (single signing authority for purchases up to \$5000 and two signatures required for purchases \$5000 and up)
- Following Jody's return, remove Lori Ann as official signing authority

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-07**

- To change banking-signing authority on the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board's accounts (#81-10913, #81-13114, and #83-71415) to the following:  
Executive Director – Jody Snortland  
Office Manager – Lori Ann Lennie  
Executive Committee – Walter Bayha & Paul Latour

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Paul Latour**

**Carried Unanimously**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

**a) Harvest Study Data Distribution Policy**

- Draft Data Distribution Policy and SRRB Data Release & Usage Agreement tabled
- Discussed how other wildlife management boards (GRRB, WMAC-NWT, NWMB) are dealing with data requests
- Members felt that the draft policy covers the majority of points regarding data requests; policy should continue to evolve over time
- Review with RRCs prior to motion

**b) Maternity Leave – Jody Snortland**

- Leave will be from October 18, 2004 to May 30, 2005; Norman Simmons to fill in during absence from October to December; beginning January 2005, Jody to work one half day a week
- Jody to use banked sick leave until the birth of her baby

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-08**

- To accept Jody Snortland's maternity leave options as presented

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**

**Seconded by: Russell Hall**

**Carried Unanimously**

**c) Inventory**

- Complete inventory of items (furniture & fixtures, office equipment, computer equipment, and field equipment) in the office accomplished as of July 2004
- Plan to begin tendering certain field equipment items ASAP; board members able to participate in tender process

**Meeting recessed @ 5:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes from the Renewable Resource Council Meeting**

September 27, 2004, 1:00pm – 5:00pm, Tulita Hotel

Notes taken by: Glen Guthrie, RRC)

### Trapping

- must make allowances for differences between Residents and non-Residents
- Resident trappers will not be a problem - they know when not to trap
- non-Resident outfitters may not know when not to trap

### Turton Lake

- I announced that the Turton Lake project will not take place this year and will resume once full funding is acquired

### Summer/Winter Youth Camps

- Lisa McDonald suggested that the RRCs could co-sponsor the purchase and assembly of cabin packs in one or two central locations that could be used by all members of the Sahtu for youth outdoor education

### Tourism

- two RRCs are currently promoting tourism projects: Deline - Grey Goose Lodge; Fort Good Hope - proposed fishing camp
- tourism may offer an incentive for youth to undertake traditional skills

### Concern

- Are trappers covered by Workers Compensation Board?

### Regional Renewable Resource Council Committee

- several advantages gained by promotion of this committee were discussed and included funding, oil and gas exploration issues, mining, trans-boundary issues, complete equal access to information by all five communities
- Winter Lennie suggested that the committee could be formalized in February when most of the RRCs will be able to attend
- Winter Lennie discussed the new pipeline preparedness funding deadline change and all present were in agreement that this is money that could be accessed by all five communities in one application
- funding could be used to employ the services of a consultant agency that could represent the RRCs in the EIR
- could address concerns over hunting on private lands
- Land Corporation involvement in RRC function should be increased

### Other

- Wilbert Kochon of Colville Lake: there is confusion over the land claim in the community and this is splitting the people
- Wilbert Kochon of Colville Lake: there doesn't seem to be communication between the RRC and the Land Corporation
- I asked the members about communication between them and their respective RRCs
- Colville Lake - very bad
- Norman Wells - not bad
- Tulita - not bad

- Fort Good Hope - not good, although the Fort Good Hope RRC has two members in their Land Corporation(s) and they report to the Land Corporations at meetings

General

- unanimous agreement that the 2 year duration for the RRC positions is too limited and should be extended to 4 years
- I suggested that the Board might write a letter of support to be included in a request to change this
- RRCs were informed about the withdrawal of a recommendation proposed at the February 2004 Board Meeting due to concerns raised by RWED regarding trapping season opening dates
- RRCs were informed about some additional harvester funding available through RWED

**Meeting reconvened @ 7:10 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Walter Bayha  
 Ronald Pierrot  
 Paul Latour  
 Leonard Kenny  
 Russell Hall  
 Steve Hannah – Acting

**STAFF**

Jody Snortland

**5. Business Arising from Minutes continued**

**d) Recommendation to RWED Minister**

- During June 2004 board meeting, DRWED staff indicated concerns with recommendations regarding muskox and wolverine season extensions; members decided to withdraw motion until further work could be done
- To ensure RRCs are aware of withdrawn motion

**ACTION (ED):** To work with DRWED and community RRCs to put together a recommendation that works best with muskox and wolverine management

**6. Implementation Update**

- Draft List of Substantive Changes to the Sahtu Dene and Metis Implementation Plan (June 23, 2004 to March 31, 2005) tabled
- Core monies identified for the SRRB are: 2004/2005 - \$534,528 and 2005/2006 to 2013/2014 - \$691,856
- Harvest Study monies identified for the SRRB are: 2004/2005 - \$50,000, 2005/2006 - \$100,000 and 2006/2007 - \$50,000

**ACTION (ED):** To follow up with Implementation Committee to determine whether or not final draft signed by all parties (Federal & Territorial Government and Sahtu Secretariat Inc.)

**7. Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study Update**

- Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study Update tabled by Vera Caine

- Literature research has begun; advertising for community researcher position currently underway
- Further update to be tabled by the end of October 2004

**8. Summer Student Report**

- Joel Doctor hired for second summer season (12 May to 16 August)
- Involved with several projects including Small Mammal Trapping (Tulita & Norman Wells), Dall’s Sheep Monitoring (Mackenzie Mountains), and Waterfowl Banding (Willow Lake)
- Hired second student (Jonathon Andrew) through Tulita RRC to participate in Waterfowl Banding (14 August to 30 August)

**9. Scholarship Review**

- Joel Doctor submitted scholarship application; although marks do not average at 70%, references from DRWED – Sahtu Region and SRRB staff indicate Joel as a good candidate that plans to return to Sahtu to work

**SRRB Motion #09-27-04-09**

- To award 2<sup>nd</sup> year scholarship (\$2500) to Joel Doctor

**Moved by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Seconded by: Paul Latour**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**Meeting recessed @ 9:15 p.m.**

**September 28, 2004**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Walter Bayha  
 Ronald Pierrot  
 Paul Latour  
 Leonard Kenny  
 Russell Hall  
 Steve Hannah – Acting

**STAFF**

Jody Snortland  
 Glen Guthrie

**GUESTS**

Charlie Kochon – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC  
 Leon Modeste – Deline RRC  
 Michel Lafferty – Fort Good Hope RRC  
 Harry Harris – Fort Good Hope RRC  
 Winter Lennie – Norman Wells RRC  
 Lisa McDonald – Norman Wells RRC  
 Alfred Lenny Sr. – Tulita RRC  
 Boniface Ayha – Tulita RRC

Alasdair Veitch – DRWED  
 Jeff Walker – DRWED  
 George Govier – SLWB  
 Lucy Jackson – Translator  
 Stephen Charlie – DFO  
 Erin Hiebert – DFO  
 Darryl Menacho – Public  
 Alvin Yallee – Public

**Meeting reconvened @ 9:20 a.m.**

## **10. Opening Prayer**

- Opening prayer by Leon Modeste

## **11. Renewable Resource Communication Officer Work Plan & Plainspeak Update – Glen Guthrie**

- Renewable Resource Communication Officer work plan tabled
- Upcoming projects:
  - Plainspeak presentations
    - Technical – nearing completion; Glen & Walter to organize workshops with RRCs
    - Public (community education) – waiting for comments from board members by mid-October
  - Cultural exchange between West Coast and Sahtu schools via Internet/videotape; open up avenues of communications
  - Rabbit trapping project – elder to show youth how to make hareskin jackets; possible to video jacket making process
  - Great Bear Lake project – create an ecosystem in a large fish tank to allow student observations
- Once youth are exposed, they are very interested in learning traditional/cultural aspects of Dene life; school projects with Grades 1 to 12
- Board members and RRCs are very happy with the projects the RRCO has developed to date; likely to encourage some students to pursue careers in renewable resources and wildlife management
- Suggestions: traditional trips (Colville Lake to Fort Good Hope trail; Deline to Rae Lakes); introduce the social structure of wildlife management (SRRB, RRCs, SLWB, etc); assist RRCs with the development of projects

## **12. Agency Update – RWED–Wildlife Management, Alasdair Veitch**

- PowerPoint Presentation tabled
- Wildlife Health Monitoring
  - Involving harvesters in biologist/veterinary work to build capacity and knowledge
  - 2004: Pilot project in Deline (Wildlife monitors: Bruce Kenny and Chris Yukon)
  - 2005: Add Colville Lake and Fort Good Hope (if funding received); to involve more youth as identified by communities
- Many partners cooperating, including corporate partners e.g. Enbridge donating \$5000 for laboratory equipment in schools for next three years
- More information known about wildlife health, the better communities can feel about their use of country food

## **13. Agency Update – RWED–Forest Management, Jeff Walker**

- PowerPoint Presentation tabled
- 2004 – hottest/driest weather in Sahtu ever recorded (6 consecutive weeks of drought; > 5mm of rain); total 36 fires – 56,644.90 ha (54% lightning caused; 31% man caused; 15% other natural causes (coal seeps, etc))
- Fire Smart Program – committees developed in communities to assess and develop strategies to protect community from fire (prevention)

- Community fire suppression crews – can they be used to clean up community (Fire Smart Program) rather than just being ‘on standby’? Currently, forest managers are working with communities to change old school idea of suppression crews
- RRCs/SRRB should be involved in development of Fire Management and Forest Management Policies

#### **14. Harvest Study Data Distribution Policy**

- Draft Data Distribution Policy and SRRB Data Release & Usage Agreement tabled
- RRCs encouraged to see the Board putting a distribution policy in place
- Continue to improve policy over time

#### **SRRB Motion #09-28-04-10**

- To accept Harvest Study Data Distribution Policy and SRRB Data Release & Usage Agreement as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Paul Latour**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **15. SLWB Licence Application Review Process – George Govier**

- Presentation tabled – copies provided upon request
- Recent comments provided by SRRB: 1. if caribou/muskox within 500m of site, then work must be shutdown and 2. aircraft are not to be within 3km of large concentrations of birds
- Do legislations exist that backup these comments? SLWB require more information to include in Terms and Conditions
- Who is prepared to enforce these types of conditions? Up to DIAND inspector whether or not to enforce; SLWB must provide evidence to inspectors so that conditions can be enforced
- Other comments: trained environmental monitors (SLWB unable to dictate who to hire from) and summary of fieldwork (SLWB will forward summary reports to SRRB and FGH RRC)

**ACTION (ED):** To contact other wildlife management boards (GRRB, WMAC-NWT, NWMB) re: process for providing comments to Land Use Permits and Water Licences

**ACTION (Board Members & ED):** To work together to develop process for reviewing and commenting on SLWB applications as well as Wildlife Research Permit & Aurora Research Institute applications

#### **16. Agency Update – DFO, Stephen Charlie & Erin Hiebert**

- Recent hires: Fisheries Management Biologist – Erin Hiebert & District Manager – James Baraski
- Continued support for SRRB-funded Great Bear Lake research studies and the Great Bear Lake Management Plan



- Warren Parsons, head of enforcement, patrolled Great Bear Lake in summer 2004; working with RRCO to develop conservation education projects
- NWT-wide Broad Whitefish management plan and stock assessment planned; plans to continue index netting project at Fort Good Hope
- Salmon collection (heads, scales, or entire bodies) – reward given; trying to determine if salmon showing up in the Sahtu are b/c they have strayed from BC/Alaska or they have colonized in the Mackenzie (spawning)

#### **17. Agency Update – CWS, Paul Latour**

- NWT Protected Areas Strategy – Fort Good Hope Ramparts Wetland area; currently working to get support from community and regional organizations; support required prior to applying for land withdrawal (under Canada Wildlife Act)
- Other initiatives:
  - Tulita – South Nahanni Headwaters; resolution made by community for Parks Canada to apply for land withdrawal
  - Tulita and CWS also interested in Willow Lake
  - Colville Lake recently met to discuss protection of the Horton Lake area
  - Norman Wells interested in putting forward sites for protection

#### **18. RRC Concerns**

- Mackenzie Gas Project – Joint Panel Review
  - Joint funding proposal to be developed by the Regional Renewable Resource Committee with RRCO assistance; minimum 21 days to apply to Joint Panel; hire consultants to act on RRCs behalf to address Environmental Impact Statement review
  - How does the SRRB plan to participate in the Joint Panel Review process? Hire consultant to act on SRRB behalf; use harvest study information only; source out available funding from agencies to collect baseline species information; focus on cumulative effects only
  - RRCs and SRRB need to work together to develop strategies to deal with EIS; must ensure that wildlife and the Land are safe; RRCs require support from regional organizations to understand roles and responsibilities, processes, etc.
- RWED Motion Withdrawn
  - Recognize that additional work is required before forwarding recommendation to RWED Minister
- Proposed Changes to Support for Traditional Economy
  - No real concerns; RRCs urged to send in any comments to RWED
- Traditional Knowledge
  - Concerns raised about collection and distribution of TK; feel that RRCs or Land Corporations should be collecting and distributing TK in manner determined by the community (intellectual property rights)
  - Good policies on TK collection and distribution need to be developed by RRCs, Land Corporations, SRRB, etc.
- Exclusive Hunting Rights

- SRRB recommended regulation change 19 July 2001; received reply 27 August 2001 that indicated that some of the regulation changes recommended should be addressed in the revision of the Wildlife Act, while others would need to be discussed with Sahtu representatives; why has SRRB not followed-up?
- SRRB participating in the Wildlife Act revisions by ensuring the integration of the Sahtu Land Claim Agreement
- Suggestions to RRCs: write complaint letter to RWED, ask land corporations to follow-up (access issue)
- Muskox
  - Fort Good Hope concerned that muskox may overpopulate the Sahtu and subsequently, reduce the number of caribou (TK says that caribou and muskox do not mingle); would like the quota increased or eliminate the need for tags
  - No official surveys since 1997 (current quota – 27, based on 1500 muskox); unofficial count increased to ~ 3000 muskox and therefore, could increase quota (current tags available are not being used); survey not required to change quota b/c lower confidence interval used to determine current quota
  - Typically caribou and muskox do not mingle b/c muskox eat coarser material (different food) than caribou

**ACTION (ED):** To contact other wildlife management boards (GRRB, WMAC-NWT, NWMB) re: process for dealing with EIS and pipeline

**ACTION (Chair & ED):** To revise Traditional Knowledge policy

#### **19. Next Board Meeting**

- 7–11 or 14–18 February 2005, Fort Good Hope

#### **20. Adjournment**

#### **SRRB Motion #09-28-04-11**

- To adjourn meeting at 5:15 p.m.

**Moved by: Paul Latour**