

# SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

BOARD MEETING, MAY 5-7, 1998

FORT GOOD HOPE, NT

## MINUTES

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**Location:** Sahtu Land & Water Board – Board Room

**Present:**

Winter Lennie	Chairman	Michelle Wheatley	SRRB
Lucy Jackson	Member	Dave Kay	DU
Rus Hall	Member	Ron Seale	RWED
Ruby McDonald	Member	Ron Allen	DFO
Paul Latour	Member	Steven Charlie	DFO
Danny Gaudet	Member	Mark Prystupa	RWED
Robert Nowosad	Executive Director		

**Tuesday, May 5, 1998, 11:00am**

1. Call to order – Chairman, Winter Lennie called the Board Meeting to order.
2. Introduction of guests and participants – Winter Lennie introduced the visiting guests to the Board, Dave Kay, Ron Seale, Ron Allen, Steven Charlie (day two, Mark Prystupa)
3. Review and acceptance of the Agenda –  
**SRRB 97-1998: Motion to accept the Agenda as presented – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried**
4. Review and acceptance of the Minutes –  
**SRRB 98-1998: Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 9-12, 1998 Board Meeting held in Norman Wells, NT – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**
5. Business arising from the Minutes – The Executive Director provided a brief review of the status of the Action Items listed in the Minutes. Winter Lennie indicated that the exit interview for Jan Adamczewski was not completed by the Executive Committee prior to Jan leaving February 28, 1998 as the Executive Committee was unable to hold it's first meeting until May 2, 1998 and the formal acceptance by the Board of the creation of the Executive Committee was not properly undertaken prior to the current Board meeting.

6. Agency updates – CWS; Paul Latour provided an update on the status of the Snow Goose Population problem; the Migratory Bird Convention Act Amendments; the Endangered Species legislation.

DFO; Ron Allen explained Steven Charlie's new position and outlined how it related to the various land claim organizations. Ron indicated that this year's DFO budget would be about the same as the previous year. The Inconnu Management Plan has been drafted and is currently under review. The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act is progressing through the legislative process however DFO feels it still requires some fisheries related adjustments.

GNWT; Winter indicated that the GNWT was planning on naming two new representatives to the Board to replace Gerry LePrieur and Max Melnyk.

SRRB; Winter Lennie outlined the proposed new Natural Resources Technology diploma program being offered this year by Aurora College at their Inuvik, Aurora Campus. The main thrust will be to provide accredited courses to the students to prepare them for actual positions within the resource technology field. At this point the SRRB is not being asked to contribute financially to the program.

7. Regional Renewable Resource Committee – Winter Lennie and Michelle Wheatley outlined the discussion and the recommendations formulated at the recent RRRC meeting held in Norman Wells, relating to increasing the Muskox harvest quota and the proposed distribution of the 27 tags. It was agreed to defer finalization of the Muskox issue to the end of the Agenda.
8. Trip Reports – The Executive Director distributed copies of two trip reports, Michelle Wheatley – Protected Area Strategy Workshop held in Yellowknife, April 20-22/98 and Lana Leverington – GIS World Conference held in Toronto, April 6-9/98. (Additional trip reports were mailed out to Members prior to the meeting.)
9. Financial Reports – The Executive Director distributed draft copies of the preliminary expenditure summaries pertaining to the 1997/98 budgets. He advised that the auditor was presently preparing the audited annual financial reports which when finalized would be presented to the Board for review and approval. The Executive Director reviewed the approved 1998/99 SRRB and Harvest Study budgets and explained why Ottawa requested modification of the previously, Board approved budgets. Discussion followed.
10. Protected Areas Strategy – Michelle Wheatley outlined discussions that took place at the recent Protected Areas Strategy workshop held in Yellowknife. (refer to trip report) Ron Seale reviewed the RWED/GNWT involvement with the Protected Areas Strategy issue and outlined the current and proposed courses of action.

11. Ducks Unlimited 1997 summer field work – Dave Kay presented a slide show and talk dealing with DU's summer field work in the Willow Lake and Hume Ramparts River areas. Dave indicated that the apparent importance of the areas to the overall duck production issue, increases with each summer's field research. It appears that waterfowl produced in these areas migrate south to the United States and disperse across a wide range of habitats from the east coast to the pacific and gulf coast wintering areas.
  
12. Forest and Wildlife Habitat Inventory – Winter Lennie reviewed the difficulties experienced by the Board when dealing with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, to have them approve continued funding of the project formerly referred to as the GIS Project, but now more accurately known as the Forest and Wildlife Habitat Inventory Project. Recent discussions between the SRRB and the Sahtu Land and Water Board clarified issues and alleviated concerns associated with the GIS Project. Both parties supported the current approach being followed by the SRRB and RWED to provide geographic information system capabilities for Sahtu organizations and to maintain the central geographic information system facility in it's present site in Norman Wells. Winter indicated that a letter would be sent to INAC outlining the Board's continued support of this valuable research capability, along with acknowledgement that such support must remain within the Board's current and foreseeable annual budget. Steps will also be taken to convene a meeting between all parties interested in utilizing and supporting a Sahtu based geographic information system. The formation of a "GIS Steering Committee" will also take place during the meeting.  
**SRRB 99-1998: Motion to continue financial support of the Forest and Wildlife Habitat Inventory Project (previously referred to as the GIS Project), \$60,000.00 – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried, (one abstention)**
  
13. SRRB – Executive Director work session – The Executive Director outlined several concerns he faced when dealing with the Board and sought Board direction and support in addressing those concerns. Following limited comments, the Members deferred further actions on the subject matter presented.
  
14. SRRB – Executive Committee – recommendations –  
**SRRB 100-1998: Motion to establish an Executive Committee as outlined at the February 9-12, 1998 Board Meeting and to accept Motions SRRB 81, 82, 83, 84-1998 – moved by Rus Hall, seconded by Danny Gaudet. Carried**  
  
**SRRB 101-1998: Motion to incorporate the newly developed, Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee, into the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board – Operating Procedures, Section 3.0 – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Ruby McDonald. Carried**  
  
**SRRB 102-1998: Motion to accept and incorporate into the Sahtu Renewable resources Board – Operating Procedures, the amended "Recommendations To The Board", prepared by the Executive Committee – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**

15. SRRB – Harvest Study – The Executive Director distributed copies of the Harvest Study, Methods Report and provided an overview and update on the current status of the Harvest Study. The Harvest Study is underway in all communities except Deline. Following discussion it was recommended that Winter Lennie, the Board Members living in Deline, and the Harvest Study Co-ordinator, attempt to resolve any misunderstandings the Deline RRC may have concerning the Harvest study and encourage the RRC to participate in the study.
16. Training & Scholarship Fund – The Executive Director outlined a financial plan developed by the auditors, that would allow the Board to establish a Training & Scholarship Fund utilizing “outside contributions” as the source of funding. Following discussion the Board recommended establishment of the new Fund.  
**SRRB 103-1998: Motion to establish a SRRB Training and Scholarship Fund, utilizing extra-ordinary sources of revenue as the funding source – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried**
17. SRRB staffing update – The Executive Director advised the Board that action has commenced to re-staff the position vacated by Jan Adamczewski. Initial recruitment efforts suggest that staffing may not be accomplished as quickly as first envisaged.
18. Sahtu Land & Water Board – George Govier provided the Board with an overview of the activities of the L&WB and indicated that the Board’s main function would be the issuance of water licenses and land use permits. Work of the L&WB will formally commence with the passing of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, expected to take place later this year. George stressed the importance of working co-operatively with the other Sahtu Boards, the GNWT and the Federal Government.
19. Special Harvesting Areas – Winter Lennie updated the Board as to past events and recent developments associated with the Special Harvesting Areas issue. Though one Member voiced the opinion that this was essentially an enforcement issue and therefore the Board should not be involved, the majority of those present disagreed. Winter indicated that while the Board wished to remain neutral, it was important for this matter to be resolved to the satisfaction of all affected parties. Ron Allen indicated that a DFO legal opinion had yet to be released and Mark Prystupa indicated that the GNWT was also preparing a legal opinion on the matter.
20. Long Range Planning – Issue dealt with by the Executive Committee.
21. Fisheries Research funding proposal – The Board reviewed the recently received funding proposal submitted by Dr. Marlene Evans, to investigate why some fish in Loche and Turton Lakes have high concentrations of mercury in their flesh. Following discussion the Board rejected the funding application. The Board questioned the need for this level of intensive research at this point in time. While the Board recognized the merits of the research proposal, they felt there were a number of basic fishery contaminant studies that could be undertaken. As local RRC support of all SRRB funded projects is a necessary requirement, the Board suggested that

applicants be encouraged to work in close co-operation with the local RRCs during the research study design and development phase.

22. PCSP support letter – Paul Latour outlined recent budget cuts imposed on the Polar Continental Shelf Project. He encouraged the Board to support the PCSP and to that end offered to draft a letter to be sent to the Honorable Ralph Goodale, outlining the importance of the PCSP to northern research and encouraging the Minister to reconsider the proposed budget cuts. The Board supported Paul's suggestion and directed that a letter, as outlined, be forwarded to the Minister.
23. Bluenose Advisory Committee – WMAC letter – While an actual letter had yet to be received the Executive Director advised that WMAC had indicated they would be suggesting a change to the make-up of the Bluenose Advisory Committee to better reflect user groups present throughout the caribou range. If necessary WMAC would also support the establishment of a technical committee as advisor to the Bluenose Advisory Committee.
24. Vehicles – Dealt with previously during Board discussion and addressed in the previously accepted, Executive Committee, recommendations to the Board.
25. Correspondence – One piece of important correspondence was the booklet dealing with the new Federal Gun Regulations. The Board is legally obligated to comply with the new regulations, which when enacted will have a definite impact upon current, field crew, gun use.
26. Additional Business – Muskox tag quota:  
**SRRB 104-1998: Motion to support the Regional Renewable Resources Committee recommendation to agree to the proposed GNWT increase in the Muskox tag quota to 27 from the current 11 tag quota. And to support the recommendation to establish a new Muskox hunting zone within the present zone, the new smaller zone to be bounded on the north by the present zone boundary and bounded on the south west by the Hare Indian River, the north shore of Great Bear Lake and on the south east by the Sloan River – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried**

Five Year Review of the Claim: Ruby McDonald indicated that the Implementation Panel had discussed the establishment of a five year claim review working group and had developed a proposed work plan. All Boards will be involved in undertaking a five-year review.

Meetings: The Executive Director provided information on up-coming meetings and indicated the proposed attendees for each meeting – discussion followed. No meetings are currently scheduled during the mid June to mid November period.

Tulita Housing: Winter Lennie updated the Board as to the current status of the Tulita housing issue. Copies of Richard Power's, February 25/98 letter, requesting a

SRRB housing guarantee and Winter Lennie's, April 30/98 reply and confirmation of the Board's guarantee, were circulated. Tulita Developments Ltd. and not the Two Rivers Development Group Limited will undertake supply of staff housing.

27. Next meeting, date and location – Though the next meeting was originally scheduled for mid August, timing conflicts for several Members necessitated delaying the meeting. The new proposed dates will be during the August 31 to September 4 period. All Members were asked to confirm, as soon as possibility, their availability for the proposed September meeting.
28. Adjournment – **SRRB 105-1998: Motion to adjourn the Fort Good Hope, Board Meeting – moved by Danny Gaudet, seconded by Ruby McDonald. Carried**

Sept. 01, 1998

*Winter Lennie*

Chairman



**ACTION ITEMS**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u></b>
1. Send INAC a letter concerning the need for continuation of the, Forest & Wildlife Habitat Inventory Project (GIS)	Winter Lennie
2. Undertake annual appraisal of the Executive Director	Executive Committee
3. Develop a Strategic Planning Workshop	Executive Committee
4. Revise SRRB, Operating Procedures, to incorporate Executive Committee, their Duties and Powers, as well as their Board Recommendations	Executive Director
5. Meet with the Deline RRC concerning their participation in the Harvest Study	Winter Lennie Danny Gaudet
6. Send PCSP letter to the Federal Government	Executive Director
7. Advise Minister of RWED of SRRB support for increasing the Muskox quota to 27 tags	Winter Lennie
8. Advise Marlene Evans of the Board's decision concerning her research funding application	Executive Director

**RESULTS – FEBRUARY/98, ACTION ITEMS**

<b><u>Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Party</u></b>	<b><u>Action Taken</u></b>
1.	Executive Director	completed
2.	Executive Director	completed
3.	Executive Director	completed
4.	Executive Director	ongoing
5.	Executive Director	ongoing
6.	Executive Committee	incomplete
7.	Ruby McDonald	completed
8.	Winter Lennie	ongoing