

Board Teleconference Minutes



October 30, 2017, 1:10 pm
Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
NWT	Northwest Territories
SRRB/Board	ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
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Participants

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Jimmy Dillon, George Barnaby, Jeffery Walker, Camilla Rabisca, Keith Hickling

Special Advisors

Leon Andrew, Frederick Andrew, Rhea McDonald, Gordon Yakeleya, Norman Pierrot

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon, Shelby Lennie (Liber Ero Fellowship Retreat agenda item only)

Visiting Guests

Stephanie Behrens, ENR

Agenda

- Opening: prayer, roll call, quorum check, review of agenda
- Bluenose East and Bluenose West status assessment, in preparation for November ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management) assessment meeting
- Community caribou conservation planning updates – Colville, Délīᑲᑦ, Mountain Caribou

- Report on Wildlife Act Section 15 meeting (October 24-25) on ways of dealing with visiting harvesters
- GNWT Legislative review issue briefing
- Muskox harvest management, including Colville outfitting request
- Other activities:
 - Liber Ero Postdoctoral Fellows Retreat, Délı̨ne, October 13-17
 - University of Alberta North Research Workshop, October 23-24
 - Dene Kedə to Dene Ts'ı̨ Knowledge Synthesis (report due October 31)
 - Audit/training week in Yellowknife, with Fort Good Hope ʔehdzo Got'ı̨ne team, November 13-17
 - Tulı̨t'a Human Biomonitoring project December 2-7 (including terminology/planning workshop)
 - Upcoming Ne K'ə Dene Ts'ı̨ Forum theme cluster meetings: Water/permafrost research, and on the land programs
- Minutes of
- IN CAMERA – staff contract proposal

Opening

Opening prayer by Michael Neyelle

- Quorum check: 5/5 voting members

Bluenose East and Bluenose West Status Assessment

Presentations by Gordon Yakeleya, Deborah Simmons, Jimmy Dillon, Michael Neyelle, Stephanie Behrens

- Tulı̨t'a has expressed interest in participating in the ACCWM status assessment; they did not provide input into status assessment with the hope that they would be attending the November 21-23 meeting in Yellowknife; they have expressed interest in learning about proposed Federal/Territorial listing, with meeting in person with Federal representatives.
- The Délı̨ne ʔekwé Working Group and ʔehdzo Got'ı̨ne discussed ʔehdaı̨la Gozekwé Gha Dágǫ́t'e (Bluenose East Status Assessment) at a meeting on October 13. A survey was also conducted at a Harvester Gathering in partnership with ENR on October 19, and through a door to door campaign, for a total of approximately 60 surveys; these are still being compiled and interpreted.
- Colville has not provided input, but has expressed interest in attending the ACCWM status assessment meeting; they have been requested to bring their input to the meeting.
- Jimmy emphasized that the caribou populations are going down, and we need to work together.

Community Conservation Planning Updates

Presentation Deborah Simmons

- The Délıne ʔekwé Working Group has done an update of their plan, and developed a workplan for the coming months, including the harvester event, door to door campaign, alternative harvest plan and school program.
- A preliminary draft mountain caribou plan has been completed based on discussions this summer at the Dechenla Lodge planning workshop with Tulı́'a, Norman Wells, Ross River Dena and other partners. The draft will be discussed with the Working Group and revised in preparation for community engagement. It's agreed that this should happen as soon as possible.
- Colville had committed to conducting community engagement and submitting a finalized conservation plan for barren-ground caribou this fall season.
- The SRRB will be discussing the possibility of a planning process with the incoming Fort Good Hope ʔehdzo Got'ıne - following up on previous expressions of interest by knowledge holders and previous ʔehdzo Got'ıne members at the Harvest Study validation workshop early in 2017.
- Discussion of the desirability of convening an SRRB meeting with ʔehdzo Got'ıne.

Wildlife Act Section 15 Meeting

Presentations by Rhea McDonald and Deborah Simmons

- The focus of the second annual Section 15 meeting was protocols and enforcement for visitor harvesting on private lands. There is nothing in place in the Sahtú Region.
- A next step is to discuss protocols with land owners (eg. Land Corporations, Délıne Got'ıne Government).
- Another topic of the meeting was the new hunter education program – the SRRB presented about our experience delivering the curriculum at our two Dene Ts'ıı Schools, and the feedback that the program should be offered for all Sahtú people.
- A possible topic for next year's Section 15 meeting will be moose management, with preparation for the meeting through the coming year.
- The Section 15 meetings are legislated under the Wildlife Act as an annual opportunity for aboriginal parties and wildlife management authorities to discuss key issues in wildlife management. So far the meetings normally have happened some time in October.

NWT Environmental Legislation Review

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- The Government of the NWT is now reviewing environmental legislation that is directly relevant to Renewable Resources Board mandates, including forests and protected areas; this process is being fast-tracked, and the primary partners at the table are aboriginal governments and regulatory agencies.
- The WRRB, SRRB and GRRB are collaborating to request that we be provided with information needed to identify priority areas where we need to be involved.

Muskox Harvesting Management

Presentation by Jeff Walker

- Tags are allocated by SRRB and have been given to ʔehdzo Got'ine̱ for commercial use. ʔehdzo Got'ine̱ are selling tags to resident hunters; do resident hunters getting tags from an RRC in one area need permission to use the tags in another RRCs area ? How will harvesting more in one area impact the herd and is this acceptable wildlife management? A quota was put in place for a reason; is this still necessary?
- An individual in Colville is expressing interest in starting an outfitting business. There are a variety of questions about how this could work. The first step for the individual is to get an outfitting license and muskox tags.
- Agreed that muskox harvest management approaches can be developed through community planning.

Other Activities

- Liber Ero Postdoctoral Fellows Retreat, Dél'ine̱, October 13-17 (*presentation by Shelby Lennie*)
- University of Alberta North Research Workshop, October 23-24 (*presentation by Joe Hanlon and Gordon Yakeleya*)
- Dene Kedə to Dene Ts'ı̄l̄ Knowledge Synthesis (report due October 31) (*co-authors include Michael Neyelle, Shelby Lennie, Deborah Simmons, as well as Keren Rice and Faun Rice*)
- Wildlife Act Working Group meeting, November 1-3 (*George Barnaby attending*)
- Indigenous Community-Based
- Audit/training week in Yellowknife, with Fort Good Hope ʔehdzo Got'ine̱ team, November 13-17 (*SRRB team will include*
- Tulít'a Human Biomonitoring project December 2-7 (including terminology/planning workshop)
- Upcoming Nę K'ə Dene Ts'ı̄l̄ Forum theme cluster meetings: Water/permafrost research, and on the land programs
- Water Strategy Meeting, November 22-23, Dettah
- Wildlife Act Working Group
- NWT Board Forum

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 2018-014

M2018-014	Approve minutes of July 24, August 9 and October 11 meetings, as amended. Keith Hickling/Jimmy Dillon.	Consensus
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Staff Contract

Motion 2018-015

M2018-015	Approve offer to Lori Ann Lennie for a contract to continue working with the SRRB as Office	Consensus
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	Administrator working from a home office in Whitehorse on a temporary basis. George Barnaby/Camilla Rabisca.	
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Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm approximately.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, December 8, 2017.

Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2018-014	Approve minutes of July 24, August 9 and October 11 meetings, as amended. Keith Hickling/Jimmy Dillon.	Consensus
M2018-015	Approve offer to Lori Ann Lennie for a contract to continue working with the SRRB as Office Administrator working from a home office in Whitehorse on a temporary basis. George Barnaby/Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus