

In Person Board Meeting Minutes



February 11, 2014 – 9:00am- 5:00pm

Meeting began at 9:30 am

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle	Interim Chair
Paul Latour	Board Member
Jeff Walker	Board Member
Pat Bobinski	Board Member
Deborah Simmons	Executive Director
Lori Ann Lennie	Office Manager
George Barnaby	Special Advisor
Pat Bobinski	Special Advisor
Camilla Rabisca	Special Advisor
Jean Polfus	Caribou Researcher
Richard Popko	ENR-Sahtú Wildlife
Nicole McCutchen	ENR-Wildlife Division (via teleconference)
Jan Adamczewski	ENR- Wildlife Division (via teleconference)
James Hodson	ENR- Wildlife Division (via teleconference)
Shauna Morgan	Pembina Institute
Leroy Andre	Renewable Resources Officer, ENR-Sahtú Region (Délᑭᑦ)

Meeting Agenda- Day 1

1. Prayer
2. Welcome, Introductions and review of agenda
3. ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑯᑦ (Boreal Woodland Caribou) Research and Management
 - a. Shatu 101: the context for caribou research and management in the Sahtú Region, including Federal and Territorial Species At Risk update
 - b. ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑯᑦ range planning¹¹
 - c. Caribou Populations study update
4. ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑯᑦ Research and Management
 - a. Preliminary results – Bluenose East census (Jan)
 - b. Bluenose East harvest monitoring (Michael)
 - c. Bluenose herds management plan update (Michael, Richard, Deb)
 - d. Caribou management strategy 2015-2020
5. Environmental Assessment Workshop

- The management plan is nearing completion – target date March 31, 2014.
- Next step will be review by ACCWM.

d. Caribou management strategy 2015-2020

Presentation by Jan Adamczewski

Discussion

- Looking for input from the SRRB on next Caribou Management Strategy
- Boards should evaluate each of these strategies as to how implementation has gone, how effective, in order to assess whether to continue in same direction - any areas unrealistic to complete in time frame, any areas that didn't get much focus
- One of key things is to go through each Strategy on its own, create a report card, and take that to RRCs and communities and ask them through facilitated discussion, how have you seen that working?
- Minister has asked GNWT to stage another Caribou Summit – last one was 2007, we are looking at having it in early 2015 in Yellowknife; feedback and recommendations from Summit can help shape Summit

5. Environmental Assessment Workshop

Discussion led by Shauna Morgan

- George Barnaby (SLWB Board Member) declared conflict of interest and left the room during SLWB applications discussion
- Shauna walked the Board through the ConocoPhillips document posted to the SLWB Public Registry on May 30, 2013, entitled *Canol Shale Potential Future Development and Effects Considerations*.

Adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Day 2

February 12, 2014 – 9:00am- 5:00pm

Meeting began at approximately 9:00 am

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle	Interim Chair
Paul Latour	Board Member
Jeff Walker	Board Member
Pat Bobinski	Board Member
Deborah Simmons	Executive Director
Lori Ann Lennie	Office Manager
George Barnaby	Special Advisor
Pat Bobinski	Special Advisor
Camilla Rabisca	Special Advisor
Jean Polfus	Caribou Researcher
Richard Popko	ENR-Sahtú Wildlife
Shauna Morgan	Pembina Institute
Donna Bigelow	Canadian Wildlife Service (via teleconference)
Mike Gravel	ENR- Forest Management Services (via teleconference)

3. NWT Forest Management Regulations Update

Presentation by Mike Gravel and Rob Simpson (consultant)

- Review of proposed new NWT legislation.

6. Environmental Assessment Workshop

Discussion led by Shauna Morgan

- Continuation of discussion from Day 1 of the ConocoPhillips document posted to the SLWB Public Registry on May 30, 2013, entitled *Canol Shale Potential Future Development and Effects Considerations..*
- George Barnaby (SLWB Board Member) declared conflict of interest and left the room during SLWB applications discussion
- Shauna will draft a letter of response for Board review.

Ended 5:05 pm.

Day 3

February 13, 2014 – 9:00am- 5:00pm

Meeting began at approximately am

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle	Interim Chair
Keith Hickling	Board Member
Paul Latour	Board Member
Jeff Walker	Board Member
Pat Bobinski	Board Member
Deborah Simmons	Executive Director
Lori Ann Lennie	Office Manager
George Barnaby	Special Advisor
Pat Bobinski	Special Advisor
Camilla Rabisca	Special Advisor
Jean Polfus	Caribou Researcher
Richard Popko	ENR-Sahtú Wildlife
Shauna Morgan	Pembina Institute
Kristi Benson	Dene Mapping Project

Day 3 Meeting Agenda

1. Sahtu Spatial State of Knowledge and Dene Mapping Project Workshop
2. Environmental Assessments (Part 3)
3. Best of Both Worlds Traditional Economy Workshop presentation
4. ENR Wildlife Research Proposals
5. Variance for current fiscal and core budget for 2014-2015
6. Board Decisions
7. In-camera session

8. Closing remarks, prayer

Minutes- Day 3

1. Sahtu Spatial State of Knowledge and Dene Mapping Project Workshop

Presentation by Kristi Benson

a. Dene Mapping Project:

- Kristi provided a summary of activities to date, and planned activities for Years 2 and 3; the objective will be to work with communities in piloting an analysis of this and other data sources to understand trends in harvester relationships with ʔdzi.

Break

b. Spatial State of Knowledge (ESRF)

- This ESRF project is in initial phases and will provide stakeholders with an overview of available data sources, including traditional knowledge if communities so desire.
- Discussion of where the data, maps and recordings should be stored.

2. Environmental Assessments (Part 3)

Discussion facilitated by Shauna Morgan

- Discussion of upcoming license/permit applications.

Lunch Break

3. Best of Both Worlds Traditional Economy Workshop presentation

Board attended a portion of the Traditional Economy workshop.

- Workshop participants provided Board members with an overview of key challenges facing the traditional economy, from the perspective of elders, current harvesters, youth, and women.

2:00 pm Board and board meeting guest back at board meeting.

- Board debrief about steps forward for the traditional economy assessment, including comparison of current issues with issues discussed in past years.

4. ENR Wildlife Research Proposals

Presentation by Richard Popko

- The Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Forum met in January and identified priority areas of research that were the basis for development of three proposals to ENR.
- The SRRB has been asked to provide a letter of support for a number of proposals submitted for next fiscal year.

BREAK- Meeting reconvenes during supper

5. Variance for current fiscal and core budget for 2014-2015

- The variance report was presented and very briefly discussed.

- Core budget for next fiscal year to be forwarded for Board review by email after the meeting.

6. Board Decisions

Item #1- Draft Guidance for a boreal caribou range plan for the NWT

Decision D010

D010 Deb Simmons will draft a letter and send to Board Members by email Consensus regarding the Draft guidance for a Boreal caribou range plan for the NWT.

Item #2- Caribou Management Strategy

Deborah Simmons needs guidance on moving forward with Caribou Management Strategy

Board learned lots through Bluenose and Bathurst management processes. ENR needs input right away, and in the future Board needs to start discussing sooner, especially when dealing with touchy subject like collaring. Input from the Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Forum will be helpful.

Item #3- Environmental Assessment

Decision D015

D011 A response letter will be drafted for Board's review regarding Consensus ConocoPhillips' cumulative effects report. Gaps should be listed in point form

Decision D016

D012 Catarina Owen and Shauna Morgan will develop a Briefing Note about Consensus what kinds of criteria for Board to judge at what point something should be sent to EA- at what point EA would be useful, whether companies have done due diligence.

Decision D017

D013 Shauna Morgan and Catarina Owen will draft a letter of comment to the Consensus SLWB regarding Conoco's geotechnical program.

Item #4: Research Approach

Decision D018

D013 Shauna Morgan draft up a Briefing Note for Board Review on the Board's Consensus

Item #5- Wildlife Fund

Budget for wildlife fund for the next Fiscal Year Wildlife Research Fund will be discussed at March teleconference.

Item #6- Bank Swallow

Update from Donna – mercury is not a risk factor for bank swallows (only barn swallows).

Decision D019

D014 Deb Simmons will write a letter of support with caveat that habitat in NWT appears to be adequate; and that Board should be involved in development of Recovery Strategy. Consensus

Item #7- Forest Management

Decision D020

D015 Recommend the following: 1) ENR review regulations to create exemption for beneficiaries to need permit to cut wood and transport wood for domestic purposes. Board also recommends a regulation that community could apply for blanket permit (commercial license) for community; 2) different means should be found to calculate amount of wood being cut by communities. Consensus

Item # 8- Spatial State of Knowledge

No decision required.

Item #9- SRRB and Land Claim implementation

Daryn Leas will informally talk with SSI about 10 yr Land Claim implementation budget.

Item #10-Strengthening Partnerships with ʔehdzo Got'ine

Harvest Study data quality is extremely good, only minor errors. Joe has been putting off his tour in communities – he's going to be working on projects that will feed into various products.

Item #11- Richard's proposal to ENR

Decision D021

D016 Deborah Simmons will draft a letter reviewing ENR Wildlife Research proposals. Consensus

Item #12: Budget

Project budgets – have been charging admin fees to be able to have extra flexibility in budget

Budget discussion set aside to next teleconference in March.

Item #13-Minutes of the last meeting

Motion M052

M052 Paul Latour / Jeff Walker. The SRRB approved meeting minutes for the January 8, 2014 teleconference. Consensus

Item #14- Chair appointment

Michael Neyelle's nomination as Interim Chair was approved by Board at October 2-4, 2013 meeting but a formal motion was not recorded.

Motion M053

M053 Jeff Walker/Paul Latour. Nominate Michael Neyelle as Chair. Consensus

Item #15: Operating Manual

Motion M054

M054 Jeff Walker/Paul Latour. The SRRB approves recommendation of Executive Committee to adopt the revised Operational Directives, section 6 Consensus

7. Next meetings

Teleconference during 3rd week in March.

Fall in person meeting – 3rd week of September? In Colville Lake

Motion M055

M054 Jeff Walker/Paul Latour. The SRRB moves to go to in camera session at 7:15 pm Consensus

Motion M056

M055 Jeff Walker/Paul Latour. The SRRB moves to end in camera session. Consensus

8. Closing remarks, prayer

Motion M057

M056 Jeff Walker. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Consensus

Summary of Motions

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