

Board Teleconference Minutes



Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 9:07 am-12:19 pm
Minutes by Joe Hanlon and Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

BNE	Bluenose East ʔekwé
BNW	Bluenose West ʔekwé
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
INAC	Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
SRRB/Board	ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
SYN	Sahtú Youth Network
TK	Traditional Knowledge
ʔehdzo Got'Inę	Renewable Resources Council - RRC
ʔekwé	Barren-ground Caribou

List of Attendees

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Jeffrey Walker, George Barnaby, Lesley Allen, Paul Latour, Leonard Kenny, Pat Bobinski, Camilla Rabisca

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon, Daniel T'seleie

Guests

Ed Reeves (DélInę ʔehdzo Got'Inę), Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP), Joanne Stassen (SRRB consultant)

Regrets

Frederick Andrew, Leon Andrew, Keith Hickling

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer and Review of Agenda
2. Communications Strategy for Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing
3. Colville Letter Regarding Bluenose West ʔekwé Issues, January 25, 2016
4. Bluenose East ʔekwé Allocation Meeting, January 20
5. Party Registration
6. Scientific and Traditional Knowledge Expertise for Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing
7. Other Business
8. Sahtú Youth Network

1. Opening Prayer and Review of Agenda (9:07 am)

Opening prayer by Michael Neyelle

2. Minutes of previous meetings

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Discussion topics

- Staff are behind with minutes, and request clarification of a process for approval.
- Note that this is procedure is unusual.

Decision 2016-039

D2016-039	The Executive Committee will review minutes in detail, provide necessary edits, and make a recommendation for Board decision to approve as a decision between meetings.	Consensus
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3. Communications Strategy for Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing

Presentation by Joanne Stassen

Discussion topics

- Joanne Stassen was hired on a short term independent contract to assist with Board communications related to the Bluenose East ʔekwé while on leave from CBC Radio North
- The communications strategy will be an opportunity to document current Board practices and what it intends to do
- To date, Joanne has identified key areas where we are facing challenges with communication, for example when dealing with the media
- Reporters may not understand full complexities of concepts and issues, and may focus on numbers to create a conflict that doesn't exist

Leonard Kenny joins call at 9:30 am

- A guide can be prepared on what to emphasize and what to be cautious about discussing
- Leonard Kenny has been receiving a lot of requests for interviews from the media, and had a frustrating experience with a journalist who misinterpreted one of his statements
- The value of Dene language media
- Provision of assistance to Board spokespeople to prepare for interviews
- Clarification that the Board can only talk about the hearing process, not the perspectives of the various parties about ʔekwé management

4. Colville Letter Regarding Bluenose West ʔekwé Issues, January 25, 2016

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Discussion topics

- The Colville letter is a follow-up to the December 8-11 SRRB meeting with Colville, in Colville Lake
- Colville agrees to provide harvest data pending negotiation of a data sharing agreement; this will affect timing for delivery of the data
- Colville supports SRRB reconsideration of Total Allowable Harvest
- Colville wants to be directly resourced for their participation in SRRB processes
- Distinction between the Déljné conservation plan and Colville plan, in that the former will be approved through a hearing process
- Colville is registered as a party to the BNE hearing, since they believe that a decision regarding harvest of BNE ʔekwé will affect their harvest of BNW

5. Bluenose East ʔekwé Allocation Meeting, January 20

Presentation by Michael Neyelle and Deborah Simmons

Discussion topics

- Michael attended this meeting as an observer only (Deborah joined by teleconference)
- The Aboriginal parties are considering whether to use a precise formula with fractions to calculate allocations for smaller user groups, or offer a flat 2% allocation with slight reductions for larger user groups
- Nunavut representatives were present; a hearing will be held by the Nunavut Land Use Planning Board that is relevant to BNE calving grounds, and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board envisions that a hearing will be required on BNE management

6. Party Registration

Presentation by Joe Hanlon

Discussion topics

- Determination of known Parties
- Flexibility of the SRRB in agreeing to accept late requests for Party status
- Possibility of supporting groups of Parties to present as panels
- Sahtú Secretariat not registered as a Party – staff will contact them to double-check whether they wish to register

Motion 2016-025

M2016-025	Board moves to approve the following list of Parties to the Bluenose East ʔekwé hearing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Déljné: Déljné ʔehdzo Got'jné, Déljné First Nation, Déljné Land Corporation• Tuli't'a: Tuli't'a Renewable Resources Council, Tuli't'a Dene Band	Consensus
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman Wells: Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council • Fort Good Hope: Fort Good Hope Renewable Resources Council, K'ásho Got'Inę Community Council • Colville Lake: Colville Lake ʔehdzo Got'Inę, Ayoni Keh Land Corp, Behdz Ahda First Nation • Other: Irene Kodakin (DélInę) <p style="text-align: right;">Lesley Allen/Paul Latour.</p>	
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Motion 2016-026

M2016-026	Parties from the same community will be requested to present together as one panel. Lesley Allen/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
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Leonard Kenny leaves call at 11:29 AM.

7. Scientific and Traditional Knowledge Expertise for Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Discussion topics

- Importance of TK expert to assist the Board in weighing TK evidence
- Government versus academic scientist – the academic may provide a more independent perspective

Decision 2016-040

D2016-040	Alice Legat approved as the traditional knowledge expert witness; the Executive Committee will review potential scientific expert witnesses and make a decision.	Consensus
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8. Other Business

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Note that the SRRB needs to identify a Board member to participate in the Wildlife Act Working Group; Deborah Simmons will participate as staff.
- NWT Board Forum Training: Administrative Law course, February 16-17.

9. Sahtu Youth Network

Presentation by Daniel T'seleie

Discussion topics

- Proposals to On-the-Land Program and residential schools trust fund for SYN on-the-land activities
- Participants will for the most part be in their early 20s

Motion 2016-027

M2016-027	Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm. George Barnaby.	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 29, 2016.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
D2016-039	The Executive Committee will review minutes in detail, provide necessary edits, and make a recommendation for Board decision to approve as a decision between meetings.	Consensus
D2016-040	Alice Legat approved as the traditional knowledge expert witness; the Executive Committee will review potential scientific expert witnesses and make a decision.	Consensus

Summary of Motions

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M2016-025	Board moves to approve the following list of Parties to the Bluenose East ?ekwé hearing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Délıne: Délıne ?ehdzo Got'ıne, Délıne First Nation, Délıne Land Corporation• Tulit'a: Tulit'a Renewable Resources Council, Tulit'a Dene Band• Norman Wells: Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council	Consensus

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M2016-026	Parties from the same community will be requested to present together as one panel. Lesley Allen/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2016-027	Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm. George Barnaby.	Consensus