



Teleconference Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014- 9 am-12 pm
Meeting began at 9 am
Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms Used

SRRB	ᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭ'ᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭ'ᑭ ᑭᑭᑭᑭ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
ENR	Environmental and Natural Resources – Government of the Northwest Territories
RRC	Renewable Resources Council
SLWB	Sahtú Land and Water Board
EC	Environment Canada

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Board Members

None present

Alternates

None present

Special Advisors

George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca

Staff

Deborah Simmons (executive director), Catarina Owen (environmental assessment researcher), Kristen Yakeleya (intern), Joe Hanlon (program coordinator)

Guest

Jessica Iveson and Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP)

Heather Sayine-Crawford (Environmental and Natural Sciences, ENR)

Meeting Agenda

- Prayer, welcome, review attendance for quorum
- Update on Board Mandate in EA legal opinion (Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson)
 - Power and Jurisdiction
 - Board Member Obligations

- Memo on Board Workshop
- Minutes
 - Previous meetings (May and June)
 - Decisions between minutes (None to review)
- Chair's report (Michael)
- Parks Canada Regulations
 - Fish regulations
 - Aircraft Access regulations
- Environmental Assessment
- Caribou Monitoring and Management
 - Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework
 - Barren Ground:
 - Barren Ground Caribou Monitoring Management- ENR
 - 2014 Bathurst Caribou Survey
 - 2014 Bluenose Caribou Survey
 - 2012 Bathurst Calving Photo Survey
 - 2013 Bluenose-East Photo Survey
 - Letter Re. Reconnaissance Survey Data- Bathurst & Bluenose East Herds
- Species at Risk - Little Brown Myotis
- Meeting agenda for September 16-18 Board Meeting (suggest four day meeting?)
- Report review
 - Traditional economy (Vol 1 and Vol 2)
 - Drum Lake Environmental Monitor Course (March 2014)
- Financial systems update and budget variance
- Updates (new standing item - review highlights)
 - Correspondence
 - Projects and Proposals
 - Research licenses
 - Development applications
 - Media (see website)
- SSI Appointments
- Website
- FYI
 - Dall's Sheep
 - Sheep management
 - Sheep management issue

Prayer, welcome, review attendance for quorum

No quorum, therefore just an information sharing meeting, no decisions made.

Update on Board Mandate in EA legal opinion (Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson)

Lorraine Land reviewed and outlined powers and jurisdiction that SRRB has (Draft – Legal Opinion for: Sautú Renewable Resources Board Re: Powers and Jurisdiction of the SRRB).

Feedback on document:

Michael Neyelle would like to see to see the importance of RRC consultation stressed in the document.

Board Workshop

Workshop will begin looking at a history of the SRRB and how things have evolved over time. Traditional Knowledge is a good example.

Agenda for workshop – Lorraine and Jessica will present the powers Board has, its jurisdiction. Board members will then build on implications and overlaps (examples: Ross River friendship agreement, Délı̨nę self-government).

Discussion

Michael Neyelle noted that since Délı̨nę has ratified self government it could impact Board's process.

Minutes

Previous meetings (May and June)

Deferred to next meeting

Decisions between minutes (None to review)

Chair's report

See attached

Parks Canada Regulations

Parks Canada is asking for the SRRB's input regarding fish and aircraft access regulations. Parks Canada wants to use the same regulations used in the Nahanni Park in the Nááts'ihch'oh Park. At the executive committee meeting last week Paul Latour suggested the board should support this decision and encourage future discussions on this topic. George Barnaby and Camilla Rabisca supported this recommendation.

Environmental Assessment

Conoco Phillip was approved for a Land Use Permit and Water License to drill 10 horizontal wells.

Deborah and Catarina attended the Sahtú Partnership Meeting (July 30 and 31, 2014). Deborah presented the work the Environmental Monitoring Research group is doing to get ready for oil development in the Sahtú. The community of Tulít'a initiated a community readiness program, they will be having workshops, interviews and will look at lessons learned from other places. This community initiative compliments Best of Both Worlds Project. Conoco Phillips and Shell provided insight on how internal company decisions are made according to global situations.

At our in person meeting we will discuss the SRRB's mandate in relation to environmental assessment

Caribou Monitoring and Management

Minister has requested an emergency meeting (August 27, 2014) to discuss Bathurst and Bluenose east herds prior to fall hunt. Deborah Simmons and Leonard Kenny will attend meeting.

Barren Ground Caribou

Heather Sayine-Crawford presented the three caribou surveys (Reconnaissance and Photo) done by ENR and also provided an overview of methodology. Survey results were troubling which is why the ENR Minister called for the emergency meeting.

ENR believes both herds (Bluenose East and Bathurst) are declining in numbers (from previous research and monitoring). There are many possible explanations including climate change, predators, harvest levels, quality of food, disease, parasites, fire, rain, snow and human disturbances. Right now it is unclear on what is going on. ENR is sharing results with co-management boards to get everyone involved.

Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework

The document provides the goals and objectives for the recovery of t̄odzı (boreal woodland caribou) in the Sahtú region, which means not allowing population to decline. The topic will be discussed at the conference of management authorities.

Discussion – Michael Neyelle - the Board should do a baseline research in the area and maybe we will have the power to stop operations during sensitive periods. Catarina Owen will contact SLWB and inquire why we have not received positive response on our comments relating to timing of operations during sensitive periods for wildlife

Species at Risk - Federal

Environment Canada asked the SRRB to provide input on impacts of adding three bat species to the species at risk act list. During an executive committee meeting last week Paul Latour suggested we should send a letter to EC supporting the listing and stating the board is also doing its own bat research in the Sahtú region (Norman Wells program)

Catarina provided an overview of the bat monitoring program in Norman Wells. One detector was set up near the Legion and it will be up for a few months.

Meeting agenda for September 16-18 Board Meeting (suggest four day meeting?)

George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca and Michael Neyelle agree that meeting should be open to the public

Report reviews – deferred to next meeting

Financial system update – deferred to next meeting

SSI Appointments

SSI put forward 3 Board member nominations:
Kasho Gotine – Frank Tseile and Richard Kochon
Tulít'a District – Paul Andrew

Website

Documents are being uploaded to document repository and a tour of the site will be given at the Colville Lake meeting

Meeting ended at 12:11 pm.