

Teleconference Meeting Minutes



October 14, 2014

Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms Used

ENR	Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories
AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
SRRB	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
RRC	Renewable Resources Council
TK	Traditional Knowledge

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Board Members

Paul Latour, Lesley Allen, Keith Hickling

Special Advisors

Camilla Rabisca, Leon Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director), Catarina Owen (Environmental Assessment Researcher), Joe Hanlon (program coordinator), Kristen Yakeleya (intern)

Guests

Suzanne Carrière (Wildlife Biologist, ENR), Jean Polfus (University of Manitoba PhD student)

Meeting Agenda

1. Prayer, welcome, agenda, quorum
2. NWT Species At Risk – Species Ranking and Lesser-Known Species
3. Minutes of previous meeting/decisions between meetings
4. Bathurst/Bluenose East Action Planning update
5. Environmental Assessment update
6. Program Coordinator update
7. Mid-term Core variance report and revised budget to AANDC
8. Documents approved in principle at September Board meeting
 - a. Best of Both Worlds
 - b. Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Workshop
9. Documents to be approved

- a. Health and Climate Change Adaptation report
 - b. Sahtú Research Results report
 - c. Traditional Knowledge Research Guidelines
 - d. SRRB Board Member Roles as revised
 - e. SRRB Board Mandate in Environmental Assessments as revised
 - f. Fall Hunt – Caribou Flats Book (2013)
10. Objectives for January 26-30 In-Person Board Meeting
 11. Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute - Todzi Monitoring Report
 12. Next Teleconference

1. Prayer, welcome, agenda, quorum

2. NWT Species At Risk – Species Ranking and Lesser-Known Species

Suzanne Carriere

- Purpose of *NWT Species General Status Ranks of Wild Species in the Northwest Territories*: prioritize species, describe species, Educate and Guide.
- New publication being released in 2016.
- Ranking species categories – placed in 10 standards categories.
- Sources: surveys, book, TK reports, map, local knowledge, expert opinion.
- NWT part of NatureServe since 2012 (new method to rank species).
- Review Schedule
 - BATCH 1 - 15 September 2014 - Some Insects and Spiders
 - BATCH 2 – 15 November 2014 - Lichens, Mosses, Mushrooms, more Insects, some marine species
 - BATCH 3 – 1 February 2015 - Mussels, Snails and slugs, more Insects, Fishes, Frogs/Reptile, Birds, Mammals
 - BATCH 4 – 15 July 2015 - Plants, more Insects, more marine species
- Feedback received from general public – pictures, information on missing species (such as mosquitos).
- People’s connection with a particular species is important to be submitted.
- SRRB will start asking for input and feedback on Facebook page. Joe Hanlon and Kristen Yakeleya will add topic to list of things to discuss during community tour.
- Facebook group – *NWT species* is a place where members can report sightings of various species in the NWT, including animals, birds, plants and insects.

Paul joined call at 9:43 am

3. Minutes of previous meeting/decisions between meetings

Motion M2014-026

M2014-026	Lesley Allen/ Paul Latour. The SRRB approved Meeting Minutes from the Colville Lake in Person Board Meeting September 17, 18 and 19, 2014.	Consensus
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4. Bathurst/Bluenose East Action Planning update

Deborah Simmons

- Bathurst Herd Technical Working Group met last week and more information was provided regarding biologists' concerns about herd decline.
- Some groups are considering reducing quota.
- Forest fire management will be a priority next year, especially when it comes to protecting priority areas.
- Right now Board needs to focus on a list of immediate actions (with input from Déljᑎᑦ and Tłjᑎᑦ).
- Possible actions: restrict spring harvest, strengthening monitoring, harvesting alternate species, on the land program teaching youth respectful practices.
- Main concerns – people feel their way of life is being undermined/food security.
- Deb has a meeting with the Déljᑎᑦ RRC October 15, 2014.

5. Environmental Assessment update

Catarina Owen

- Suncor Energy Inc. applied for an ENR wildlife research permit for a bear den survey. Suncor is planning on building a 15 km winter only access road in order to re-suspend a well (SLWB Land Use Permit S14A-006 and Water License S14L1-004).
- Marlene Evans (Environment Canada) will be conducting a fish study in Déljᑎᑦ “Mercury, flame retardants and other chemicals in lake trout and cisco from Great Bear Lake.”
- SRRB Website is being updated.
- Imperial Oil Norman Wells Operation Closure and Reclamation and Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program Working Groups will meet in Norman Wells November 19 and 20, 2014.

Decision D2014-021

D2014-021	Catarina Owen will prepare a briefing note for board members on North America Tungsten's activities in the Sahtú.	Consensus
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Break 11:00-11:10 am

6. Program Coordinator update

Joe Hanlon

- Community Visits – October 20-24 and October 27-30. Joe Hanlon, Kristen Yakeleya and Heidi Brown (GIS specialist) will meet with RRCs in Délıne, Tulít'a, Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells to discuss mapping projects, youth network program, *Remember the Promise* book launch and other business.
- Sahtú youth network – first meeting was in Tulít'a last week, meetings will be held biweekly to discuss Traditional Economy project and Health and Climate Change project.
- Traditional Economy project – one workshop per community will be organized when winter road is open.
- Report validation – Joe and Kirsten are talking to people and validating following reports: Health and Climate Change, Best of Both Worlds, Environmental Research Monitoring Workshop and Environmental Research Results Workshop

7. Mid-term Core variance report and revised budget to AANDC

Deferred to next meeting.

Lorraine Land and Jessica Iveson are reviewing the AANDC 10 year implementation plan.

8. Documents approved in principle at September Board meeting – confirm whether formal motion required?

Decision D2014-022

D2014-022	Best of Both Worlds and Sahtú Environmental Research Monitoring Workshop reports are approved.	Consensus
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9. Documents to be approved

Traditional Knowledge Research Guidelines report - will be forwarded to TK experts for feedback and next step is to share document with community leaders, industry and other researchers.

Decision D2014-023

D2014-023	SRRB Board Member Roles and SRRB Board Mandate in Environmental Assessments reports are approved.	Consensus
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Decision D2014-024

D2014-024	Catarina Owen will call board members on October 20, 2014 to obtain feedback on reports that still need approval: Health and Climate Change Adaptation report, Sahtú Research Results Report and Fall Hunt book.	Consensus
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10. Objectives for January 26-30 In-Person Board Meeting

Meeting location changed to Norman Wells

Decision D2014-025

D2014-025	Catarina Owen will call board members on October 20, 2014 to obtain input on possible objectives for the next in person board meeting.	Consensus
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11. Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute - Todzi Monitoring Report

Jean Polfus

- Purpose of report is to help GNWT to come up with a Todzi range management plan.
- Report emphasize boundaries however Todzi boundaries are not well understood.
- Traditional knowledge portion of report is weak and short.

12. Next Teleconference

November 12, 2014 – 9 am -12 pm

Motion M2014-027

M2014-027	Keith Hickling. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board Motion M2014-029



Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2014-026	Lesley Allen/ Paul Latour. The SRRB approved Meeting Minutes from the Colville Lake in Person Board Meeting September 17, 18 and 19, 2014.	Consensus
M2014-027	Keith Hickling. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm	Consensus

Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
D2014-021	Catarina Owen will prepare a briefing note for board members on North America Tungsten’s activities in the Sahtú.	Consensus
D2014-023	SRRB Board Member Roles and SRRB Board Mandate in Environmental Assessments reports are approved.	Consensus
D2014-024	Catarina Owen will call board members on October 20, 2014 to obtain feedback on reports that still need approval: Health and Climate Change Adaptation report, Sahtú Research Results Report and Fall Hunt book.	Consensus
D2014-025	Catarina Owen will call board members on October 20, 2014 to obtain input on possible objectives for the next in person board meeting.	Consensus