

## In Person Meeting Minutes



Délne, NT

January 29, 2014

7 pm – 9 pm

Minutes by Deborah Simmons

## List of Acronyms Used

ENR	Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories
CWS	Canadian Wildlife Services
SRRB	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
RRC	Renewable Resources Council

## List of Attendees

## Board Members

Paul Latour, Lesley Allen, Jeff Walker

## Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director)

## Meeting Agenda

1. Debriefing on the Sahtú Gathering for Caribou
2. Federal Species at Risk
3. Federal Species at Risk Act
4. GIS Capacity and Spatial Data
5. Traditional Economy
6. Meeting Minutes Approval

## 1. Debriefing on the Sahtú Gathering for Caribou

### Consensus of the Sahtú Gathering for the Caribou:

1. Decisions are needed about how to share the caribou.
2. ENR has invited Aboriginal leaders and wildlife management authorities to a teleconference to discuss Bluenose East caribou harvesting allocations on Monday, February 2; there was strong direction that such important matters require an in-person meeting of the parties.
3. Timelines for discussions and decisions should not be imposed by the Minister; rather, they need to be agreed upon by the parties. Allocations should be arrived at and implemented for the 2015-2016 harvesting season; it is not feasible to accomplish this for the current harvesting season.
4. According to the best available information, the current status of the Bluenose East caribou does not constitute an emergency.
5. The health of the caribou depends on the health of the aboriginal peoples, their ability to “Be Dene” (Dene Ts’ı́ı).

6. The full range of actions, as presented by the Aboriginal Caucus at the November 28 meeting with the Minister, and as outlined in the Bluenose Caribou Management Plan, is needed to address declining trends.
7. Education is needed in the communities to prepare the ground for any decisions that will be made.

#### Decision D2014-033

D2014-033	Board will co-sign a letter to the Minister of ENR with Chief Leonard Kenny outlining the seven points that were agreed to by consensus of the Gathering for the Caribou.
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## 2. Federal Species at Risk

Reviewed SRRB-CWS Update Report, January 2015.

## 3. Federal Species at Risk Act

### Federal Species At Risk Act

#### Motion M2014-036

M2014-036	<p>Lesley Allen/ Jeff Walker. The SRRB moved that the November 2013 and May 2014 COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) assessments of species whose range includes the Sahtú Region be approved, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Mountain Caribou – Re-assessment – Confirmed Special Concern – 2014</li> <li>• Wolverine (<i>Gulo gulo</i>); Western population – Re-assessment - Confirmed Special Concern – 2014; noting that in the NWT the populations appear stable overall with possible localized declines, and traditional knowledge in the NWT indicates that wolverine populations may be expanding their range.</li> <li>• Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee (<i>Bombus bohemicus</i>) – New - Endangered – 2014; noting that the the NWT is not a source of threats.</li> <li>• Western Bumble Bee (<i>Bombus occidentalis mckayi</i>) – New – Special Concern - 2014</li> </ul>	Consensus
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## 4. GIS Capacity and Spatial Data

There is concern that valuable data from Values At Risk maps are currently completely inaccessible even with community permissions.

Decision D2014-034

D2014-034	Board will send a letter to ENR requesting that a solution be found regarding inaccessible data from Value At Risk maps.
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Decision D2014-035

D2014-035	Board will request a report on the activities of the Sahtú GIS office and our current funding balance with Sahtú ENR as the basis for reviewing our annual partnership contributions.
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## 5. Traditional Economy

Jeff informed the Board that as of the next fiscal year, ENR will be taking over responsibility for Traditional Economy and will be seeking collaboration with the SRRB and RRCs to strengthen programming.

It was noted that limited capacity and underfunding of ʔehdzo Got'Inę is an ongoing concern that will affect their ability to support local traditional economy activities, and there are no easy solutions.

## 6. Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion M2014-037

M2014-037	Lesley Allen/ Jeff Walker. The SRRB approved Meeting Minutes from the December 16, 2014 Teleconference.	Consensus
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Motion M2014-038

M2014-038	Lesley Allen. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm	Consensus
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## In Person Meeting Minutes



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January 30, 2014

8:30 am – 5 pm

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Paul Latour, Lesley Allen, Jeff Walker

## Advisors to the Board

George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca, Leon Andrew

## Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director), Catarina Owen (Environmental Assessment Researcher), Joe Hanlon (Program Coordinator), Lori Ann Lennie (Office Manager), Kristen Yakeleva (Intern)

## Guests

Darlene Romanko (Senior Advisor Legislation and Legal Affairs, Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Environment and Natural Resources) and Jessica Iveson (Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP)

## Meeting Agenda

1. In camera session – Species At Risk Act
2. SRRRB Consultation Guidelines Workshop
3. Vice Chair

## 1. In camera session – Species At Risk Act

## Motion M2014-039

M2014-039	Lesley Allen/Jeff Walker. The SRRB moved to go to in-camera session at 8:39 am.	Consensus
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Discussion with Darlene Romanko regarding amendment to the federal Species At Risk Act related to land devolved to the NWT which continues to be considered “federal land,” and an effort to allow the territorial government to assume greater responsibility for the protection of critical habitat of SARA-protected species.

#### Motion M2014-040

M2014-040	Lesley Allen/Jeff Walker. The SRRB supported the proposed amendment to the federal Species At Risk Act.	Consensus
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#### Motion M2014-041

M2014-041	Lesley Allen/Jeff Walker. In camera session ended at 9:02 am.	Consensus
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## 2. SRRB Consultation Guidelines

Jessica Iverson will share meeting notes and presentation.

## 3. Vice Chair

#### Motion M2014-042

M2014-042	Lesley Allen/Jeff Walker. The SRRB moved to appoint Paul Latour as the Vice Chair.	Consensus
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#### Motion M2014-043

M2014-043	Lesley Allen. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm	Consensus
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## Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board Motion M2014-044 –February 20, 2015



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Paul Latour, Vice Chair

## Summary of Motions

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