

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Meeting
February 8 - 10, 2011
Norman Wells, NT

Attendance

Board

Walter Bezha
Gordon Zealand
Camilla Rabisca
Leonard Kenny
Jeffrey Walker
Keith Hickling
Patrick Bobinski

Staff

Christopher Hopkins
Glen Guthrie
Andrea Hrynkiw
Lori Ann Lennie

RRC'S

Hyacinthe Kochon
JB Gully
Michelle Krutko
Joe Blondin
Frederick Andrew
Paul Modeste
Tyrall Kochon
David Menacho
George Kenny
Roger Boniface
Michel Lafferty
Donna Schear
Rhea McDonald
Tamara McDonald

Guests

Alasdair Veitch - ENR
Chris Taurangeau - ENR
Johnny McDonald - Public
Ida Mak – SLUP

1. **Opening Prayer** – Walter Bezha did the opening prayer
2. **RRC Caucus** – RRC's are having their caucus this morning and will join us at 1pm
3. **Call to order** – Meeting was called to order at 9:28 am
4. **Swear in new member** – no new members
5. **Review and Acceptance of Agenda**

SRRB MOTION #25-2011

To accept agenda with changes.

Moved by: Leonard Kenny

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

6. **Conflict of Interest** – as arises
7. **Review and Acceptance of previous minutes**

SRRB MOTION #26-2011

To accept the Oct 5 – 7, 2011 minutes

Moved by: Leonard Kenny

Seconded by: Gordon Zealand

Carried Unanimously

SRRB MOTION #27-2011

To Accept the Dec.14 – 15, 2010 minutes.

Moved by: Camilla Rabisca

Seconded by: Gordon Zealand

Carried Unanimously

8.a/b Review and Acceptance of Finances

SRRB MOTION #28-2011

To approve statements and budgets as presented.

Moved by: Leonard Kenny

Seconded by: Gordon Zealand

Carried Unanimously

BREAK 11AM – RESUME AT 11:25

8.c Finance Committee

SRRB MOTION #29-2011

To form a financial committee to address the Wildlife Studies Fund. Leonard Kenny, Gordon Zealand and Chris Hopkins will sit on this committee.

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Patrick Bobinski

Carried Unanimously

8. Chairperson Report – Walter Bezha

Wildlife just finished consultations one more round, Board cut mandate in claims our board is unique. Sahtu agreement – general principles, rephrased in plain language. Would like to get everyone a copy of the plain language version to review. Public institutions protect everybody's rights.

1st option- get rid of all boards and have a super board

2nd keep staff but report to super board

In claim – Because next September to go through all this stuff.

BREAK FOR LUNCH 11:56/START UP AT 1PM

Walter – RRC's had meeting this morning. RRC's have authority to authorize people to go hunting, interested in the relationship we have with the RRC's.

12. RRC's Presentation

Rhea McDonald – Norman Wells RRC – training, monitor work, environment wildlife monitor, monitors out at MGM now (share work with Tulita) 4 – participants – took environment course (6 weeks) Annual Spring and fall hunts, elections soon – 2 board members step down, been hard to have meetings recently and busy, overall things are good.

Q. Why do environment monitors don't have fire arms certificate with the course?

-Because need to be hired, why not part of

Patrick – Could teach the firearms safety course does not issue license.

John Tutcho – Renewal of firearms license, wanted to work as monitor but can't because firearms license has expired now they are saying that I need to take safety course but nowhere to take it here.

David Menacho – Tulita RRC update – Office reviewing funding from SSI, Funding received from Canol Trail, MGM, EBA Consultants, MYB contracting, Husky Oil, Borek Contracting, Leading the Edge and the Northern Contaminants program. Contracts with Enbridge for 5 months, all funds from companies. Tulita RRC's paid monitors. We also purchased tents, fish nets, shells, sled runners, traps, etc...to sell at half price to members.

Meeting in Dec was a huge success. Northern Contaminants – 3 weeks program as a board, appointed members to parks, etc... Helped the hunters and trappers through spring and fall trapping season with gas, money gained from monitors helping to get by, really busy and help move ahead.

Contaminants – health study on health of people in Tulita.

Johnny – Numbers of how much to eat fish from the lakes.

Chris – Larger the fish higher the mercury, smaller fish in Kelly Lake ok. Still not eat a lot, white fish don't carry mercury only trout have mercury levels.

Paul Modeste – Deline RRC – Trophy Lodge – only hire two girls others from Manitoba, need to hire more local people, dead fish there and need monitors around Bear Lake too.

Proposals in binder for contaminants study – asking board for 15k to conduct study, fish contaminants.

Walter – Deline – a lot going on monitor programs; fish study, programs going with proposals, climate change program, cross knowledge between scientific and traditional knowledge, climate change project elders teach, enough data to have on computer , can forecast temp from sunsets, reading colour from sunrise and sunset elders depends.

David – notice changes in winter temperature,

Joe – yes 4°C Bear warming up each year.

Walter - this year Deline late for road to open, had to flood it because only 2 feet thick.

John Tutcho – Last year caught 40 trout from Deline, year before 80 trout because water getter too warm.

Donna – If Colville Lake does not want to speak now, maybe in session about concerns.

Roger Boniface – Fort Good Hope RRC – Trappers didn't do well this year too much snow to fast. Collecting moose samples, few concerns about wildlife act.

JB Gully – Colville Lake RRC – we had a group discussion this morning on how RRC can help us, like to help Colville Lake, game warden - takes fur to sell those of us that make our living off the land. Order bush supplies from Winnipeg, young men becoming more than us as elders, all go out on planes not only that a lot have cabins out on land. People from Fort Good Hope transferred after, Colville Lake is plenty, money we had we spent resourcefully, whatever young people harvest from land, pocket money for them, money from furs use for supplies on land, gas, boat, ski doo. Money given back for that, what are we doing now, helping economically so have money to continue on, let know what money is used for before end of March, board meeting only time we pay ourselves, not ours to take as board members for use for people use on the land now that gas more expensive, where do they get money for on the land without, right up until trapping day open we help them. This money for this fiscal year already gone, keep harvesting and utilize the land, so when ever have money to take out on the land. Colville like living in the bush already game wardens know how much fur harvested for each community, other issues brought up pertaining to our community.

BREAK 2:35 – RESURE 3:15

Sahtu Land Use Planning Board – Ida Mak – Presentation – See handout – March 21, 2012 estimated end date.

Q. Donna – Districts have authority and invited to workshop? (in Sept)
Ida – yes, just do not provide financial support for travel (open meeting)

RRC's Concerns – Donna presented

- **Outfitters** – meat quality when comes out of camps, is a major concern, disrespectful to animals and us. Migratory birds – reduction in ducks, harvesting study important for us and everyone's perspective. Funding, suggested to have a workshop on roles and responsibilities – Walter's name brought up to help. SRRB use other communities for meetings. Economic potential – members working in Norman Wells, officers in each community. Caribou, agenda in advance.
- **Keith** – Grizzly bear – one a life time, only one side of mountains.

Chris- Community representation – SSI, none for Tulita, one rep for Deline, one for FGH, one name for Tulita in May, 2 in June, implantation Canada = is the process, Walter's took 2 years, process that isn't working. 30 tags for Muskox.

Walter – With regards to RRC's – RRC's big decision makers in the communities, RRC's have little money, land corps do, trying to have understand how RRC's fit in roles and mandates and relationships together, decide how want to deal with all other organizations. Challenges with our board here and we are not a political board. Start identifying things to be worked on we are a public institution.

Jeff Walker – To notify RRC's about then something can be done, if disciplinary. When meat comes to community that is spoiled then can look in to this, need to know about sooner than later.

Frederick Andrew – RRC play heave role and is important for hunter and trappers, about ENR mile 222, go certain time of the year for a few weeks then go to cabin there. People from boarder other place giving there. Caribou is the main source of food for people. Monitor steady and spring is late fall don't know how much is taken out, a report as well. Chris said 2009 copy from outfitters now, need to work together, monitoring a concern.

Keith – Officers are out there more than 3 weeks, reports were made accountable.

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Cyntia Kayo Kashivakura
Collin Bayha
Chris Taurangeau

Resume at 9:12am February 9, 2011 Day 2

Walter – addressing RRC concern, where we have our board meetings in different communities.

Gordon – in my 3 years I have been on the board I have been in every community except Colville Lake, how do you make sure you have contact with everyone.

Have recorder that records everyone, access on web page, be added in about a month, opened more time talking with each other to decide what everyone else wants.

RRC's help RRC's have meetings and make own laws.

Walter asked for minutes from RRC's meeting, ever since I became chair – distribution of meat; can resolve this. NorthWright hauls meat from mountains, distributed fairly amount communities, if want to talk about meat call us, Walter, Chris or Glen.

Johnny – Where does the meat go does it always go to Norman Wells.

Keith – Tulita, each community

David – Didn't go to Tulita last had to come to Norman Wells to get it.

Rhea – We have gotten lots of rotten mean. Meat wasn't directly sent, like David said had to pick up here, you guess figure out how this won't work out, this is a costly thing to be looking out. We pick up meat they call us and try to send out to elders first, others not able to go out on the land.

Chris – Who's responsible for freight once the meat is out of mountains? Who pays for gas etc..?- Shouldn't be RRC's.

Walter – Keith is going to follow up on this.

10. Executive Director update – Christopher Hopkins

Wildlife act and caribou management taking up a lot of time travelling a lot out of Tulita, conferences attended.

Q. Barry Gully – When and where was the caribou workshop?

Chris – Vancouver every 2 years, cost savings, since been here cutting costs best we can to keep going, quaram issues becoming a problem, need to address somehow. Not travel as much this year, boards doesn't deal with rights, non-aboriginal like myself don't have right to hunt but a privilege.

Johnny – more interested in moose, seems always about caribou.

Walter – parliament passes motion for his chair position.

14. d Studying Winter Ticks in the North – Cyntia Kayo Kashivakura Presentation

Barry Gully doesn't think hunters (elders) would be looking for winter ticks.

Kidneys important for contamination study.

Barry – if send in hide do you get it back?

Cyntia – 400.00 for moose kit not 800.00

Johnny – do go onto bears, how does it travel so quick.

Cyntia – stay on same animal for whole time because moose move around, or temperature change?

Alasdair – Very first tick found on a dog here in Norman Wells dog came from Alberta

Cyntia – one tick can lay 3 to 4 thousand eggs. Ticks are in the United States all the way to Alberta the ticks are now in the NWT.

Johnny – ticks do they harm humans?

Cyntia – No

Q. lots of the women use hide for traditional sewing

Q. Patrick – doesn't affect internally? Why blood sample.

Cyntia – No, blood collect for different reason, to compare to hide with tick infection to see if a relation.

Q. find in muskox?

Cyntia – No have not

Leonard – horses brought up to Yellowknife do they have ticks?

Cyntia – No different ticks, not winter ticks.

Leonard – any cures?

14.e Community – based water quality monitoring in Sahtu Creeks – Kristen Vinke UPEI

Q. Rhea – Why wasn't the RRC's contracted?

Glen – 2 meetings ago talked about this and had Carrie Campbell as a summer student helping.

Q. Rhea – Why summer student hired through SRRB and not through the RRC?

Chris – Carrie showed interest so we hired her.

Johnny – Why we didn't see in permit, why not let the RRC know.

Q. Johnny – What is main study?

Kristen – Water quality, steam health

Glen – protocols – problems because only work in south so working on key for recognition.

Q. Missing underground source

Walter thanked Kristen, hope all understand importance of her study

Andrea – Staff Update

Walter – possibility of super board

Johnny – too time consuming, hard to get things done, thinks super board is a good idea.

12pm LUNCH BREAK – START UP AT 1:13PM

Glen – Update

Keith – Update

RRC in Tulita has 15 years of knowledge on migratory birds, study at Willow Lake would have data, what will happen with migratory birds after spill?

- Scientific buoys, measurement of temperatures, don't have money to fund for RRC's monitoring at Canol.
- **Alasdair** – 9th year of community tour, vet tour 4th year running
- Mile 222 is monitored this year out at mile 222 area where residential hunters hunt caribou numbers been down last couple of years less than 80, moose up last few years at least 22 moose plentiful there? Or are they, are hunters going further? ATV's causing damaging areas, Norman Wells fully staffed, Muskox tags – RRC's should be getting in the mail soon, tags for commercial use could be sold, 28 tags
- Total allowable harvest bluenose west on, March prime hunting time, Resource officers have been on the road a lot, asking hunters if hunt off side of road, bring snowshoes with you, caribou hunters so for #'s lower.
- **Q. Johnny** – numbers allocated for settlement?
- **Keith** – 352 (around Colville Lake)
- Asking hunters to target bulls, they are in front of the herds, so some people thing bad to shoot because lead the herds, passed around maps on harvest data.
- Devolution agreement signed for GNWT, means more authority for northerners, more responsibility back and RRC's.
- NWT Water Strategy,
JB Gully – talking about in between Colville Lake and Fort Good Hope the winter road we monitor the road, not hunting road to travel, if a person wants to hunt not allowed to hunt on the road, if it is a disabled person i.e. wheelchair then maybe we would allow it, last winter went to Fort Good Hope with 4 trucks, on the road about 20 caribou, we all stopped and waited for herd to pass. We are not there to scare wildlife. November is when ice is thicker, caribou began to migrate. Waited until caribou passed us and entered Fort Good Hope lands, this is land they feed and rest, we let the caribou pass through did not hunt them. When travel winter road we monitor everything, there was caribou head and meat on side of road, if person got fined would probably be a lot.

When we saw person told him if he does it again then he will be charged. Fall the caribou crossed settlement travelled where good food and bathing places. NW – FGH some people who shot over 10 caribou, we didn't know purpose why they did that? We wanted to find out this if that person caught selling caribou meat as well that they get charged we don't allow this, land is what provides for us our main purpose is to be keepers of the land. Not only the role of the RRC of land and wildlife. Colville Lake role of whole community, we teach them conserve, know we have game wardens, funding problems etc...Cannot be monitoring everywhere. Lands around Colville Lake if outside person who ever did this spoil meat their house would be locked up and convicted very disturbing to us, elders spoil meat. If person wanted to hunt Colville Lake would be allowed if asked. 1-2 caribou if a person comes from other settlements, depends how many family members, situation let them maybe have a little bit more, come up with a document what we have come up with for ourselves still working on. If wildlife spoken about too much, this bothers us too. We go hunting around Horten Lake past our ancestors, didn't matter what time of year. That's why today we continue that practice. How to prepare meat etc... on our traditional lands. Don't like to talk about food we eat, what we provide ourselves since trips to Horten Lake made DVD's in our office can be bought from us. Ever since started this project many years ago young girls and boys taught how not to waste meat, they are taught young to they learn. Strong believers of conservation if other people were interested in learning they can come to our office and talk with us. As aboriginal people come to time where depend on each other for help. Bluenose caribou herd hunting since 12 years old and never seen on yet. Many years looking and never seen so from our community I just wanted to update everyone and conservations are what we are doing.

Hyacinthe Kochon – Seem too much policies and regulations, should continue to support each other and hang on to our treaty, how we will be taken care of. We are not sure how things will be for the young people. We know how to fend for ourselves, that knowledge; this is what we are worrying with our young people.

Presentation – Kim Howland – DFO

Q. Donna – fish size because of water temperature

Kim – Maybe, food factors as well

Q. Chris – thought about using tags to truck

Kim – Some concerns with community, key would be to involve the guides

Q. Chris - `09, salmon caught there. When`s next time test in Keith Arm
Have you ever seen the salmon?

Kim – No have not seen in two years

Cisco Presentation – Kim Howland

Short jaw cisco threatened species.

Q. only in Great Bear Lake

Yes

Presenter – Louise

Bulldog – large curved lower jaws.

Q. Chris – what do they eat?

Louise – cannot say for sure benthic will know next month

Q. how to tackle season change

Louise – doing winter study would help, fatty acid isotope

Q. Johnny – how in winter with no insects, must eat other fish

Louise – unsure of this but most likely can't answer for sure yet but is possible.

Q. what year did you put tags on the fish

This past summer

Tags still good after 2 years 100.00 reward if found.

Q. Louise – are there more fires with climate change

Fires are down

Part 2 of presentation

Video tomorrow at coffee break.

END OF DAY 2 4:55PM

Day 3 9:15

Glen – presentation

Mercury levels in predatory fish from six lakes in the Sahtu Settlement area.

Q. Pat past data to compare.

Chris – since last tested 70's 3 x more mercury

Glen – Lac Terrese – large data set an excellerating problem; very important to test.

Presentation – Roger FGH Moose Monitoring Project

Alasdair – presentation wildlife and wildlife health

10:38 break

Presentation – Walter

Keith JP talk yesterday, no common law process.