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Distribution List Attached

**RE: Invitation: Community Conservation Planning Workshop, November 5-7, Colville Lake
*An event in preparation for the Public Listening Session on Sahtú ragóʔa (hunting laws) and
approaches to wildlife harvesting***

Dear Sahtú Government Leaders and ʔehdzo Got'ine Leaders:

The ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – SRRB) and the Colville Lake Renewable Resources Council (RRC) are extending a special invitation to Sahtú organisations to participate in a Community Conservation Planning workshop on **November 5-7** in Colville Lake.

This special workshop will be led by Stuart Cowell of the Conservation Coaches Network and a group of trained community facilitators. The purpose of the workshop is to support leading representatives of each Sahtú community to prepare materials that can be used at the Public Listening Session on the topic of *Sahtú ragóʔa (hunting laws) and approaches to wildlife harvesting* in Colville Lake on January 21-23, 2020.

The SRRB and Colville Lake RRC are excited about the opportunity for Sahtú communities to work with Stuart Cowell, an international expert on the development of Indigenous conservation plans and Indigenous Protected Areas. This is a valuable opportunity to strengthen and support Sahtú community conservation plans for wildlife. (A short biography of Stuart, who will be leading the November workshop, is appended to this letter.)

The Community Conservation Planning workshop will be an opportunity to consider key issues in wildlife harvesting in the Sahtú region. The workshop will assist Sahtú communities in determining what a Sahtú approach to harvest regulation might look like. Participants will also be able to develop questions that would be helpful to have answered in preparation for the January 2020 hearing. They will receive training so that they can confidently work with members of their community to prepare for the Public Listening.

The workshop will include:

- Sharing our Plans - Colville Lake's *Dehlá Got'ine Tseduweh ʔade ʔahzah* and other plans
- Understanding Our Strengths and Challenges (regarding community conservation planning)
- The Current Sahtú, NWT, Canada and International Context Regarding Community Conservation Planning
- Strategies for Supporting Community Conservation Plans
- Preparing to Work with Our Communities

During the week before the workshop, a small technical team will meet in Tulít'a for a “train the trainers” workshop with Stuart Cowell. This pre-workshop will allow for more advanced training as well as collaborative planning for the larger workshop on November 5-7.

We have limited funds to support travel to Colville Lake for the November 5-7 meeting. **The SRRB and Colville Lake RRC are now accepting names of proposed participants. To ensure youth are part of the process, we have additional funding for one youth participant per community so please also propose a youth participant to take part in the meeting.**

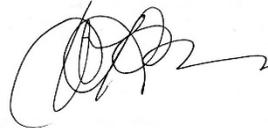
Please contact us by **Monday, October 21** with names of individuals that your organisation would like to attend the November Community Conservation Planning workshop in Colville Lake. We are currently seeking more funding and will try to accommodate as many interested individuals as possible from each of the communities.

If you have questions about this invitation, please contact Kyanna Lennie Dolphus or Kirsten Jensen at the SRRB (email planner@srrb.nt.ca or telephone 867-588-4040), or David Codzi at Colville Lake (email davidcodzi@behdziahda.com or telephone 867-709-2202).

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Stuart Cowell

“I believe the changes we create for people makes a real difference, through our work we see people making changes that improve their lives and I want to keep seeing that.”

Stuart is based in Hobarth on Tasmania, Australia, and has made the long trip to Canada numerous times in recent years. He owes his expertise in Community Conservation Planning to over twenty-five years of experience. Stuart has been instrumental in developing the widely used Healthy Country Planning concept –a community-based framework in the context of remote Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

Stuart was an instructor for a Community Conservation Planning training workshop in Yellowknife in 2014 that was attended by Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę representatives Michael Neyelle and Walter Bezha. The workshop was an inspiration for development of Délı̨nę's *Belare Wı̨le Gots'ę ęekwé – Caribou for All Time* plan, which was the first of its kind approved by the ęehdzo Got'ı̨nę Gots'ę Nákedı̨ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board - SRRB) and the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources. Stuart remained a mentor for the SRRB and Délı̨nę ęekwé Working Group, participating in a number of online video conversations. He facilitated development of the *Nı̨o Nę P'ęnę – Trails of the Mountain Caribou* plan at Dechenla Lodge in Shúhtaot'ı̨nę territory. Most recently, he braved the cold at Nárehten camp in February 2019 to support planning for a Nę K'áđı̨ Ke – Keepers of the Land program. This planning work was the basis for two major successful funding proposals.

Stuart specialises in: Healthy Country and Conservation Action Planning | Facilitation & training for the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation | impact-focused and values-based project design | strategic planning | collective impact and collaboration



Stuart at Nárehten. Photo by Amos Scott.

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