Délınę 2021 ?ełets'ewéhkwę Godı Virtual Public Listening Session (PLS) Update

# Notice of Resumption, Timeline, Issues, and Agenda





Notice to Parties and the public, March 16, 2022

This notice provides an update on the Délınę 2021 Virtual ?ełets'ewéhkwę Godi (Public Listening Session – PLS). On January 13, 2022, the SRRB decided to postpone the Délınę 2021 Virtual PLS due to the COVID-19 situation in the Sahtú region. In light of the current public health situation, and after discussions with its co-hosts in Délınę, the SRRB has decided to resume the PLS, now scheduled to take place on April 25-29, 2022.

The SRRB invites questions *regarding this resumption notice* by March 23, 2022. Questions can be submitted by email at info@srrb.nt.ca or phone (780) 686-5318.

## Timeline

In the January 13, 2022, notice of postponement, SRRB encouraged parties to continue their ongoing preparations for the PLS, where and when it could be done safely.

The following is an updated timeline for completing the outstanding activities for the Déline 2021 Virtual PLS:

April 4	• Deadline for responses to all IRs (including outstanding responses to Rounds 1 and 2 IRs, and responses to Round 3 IRs)
April 14	Summary of responses to Round 3 IRs
	• Revised draft for review and comment: Hıdó Gogha Sénégots'ízá
	(Community Conservation Plan) Process and Components Guide
April 22	• Teleconference #3
	• Deadline for written and/or slide presentations
April 25-29	Déline 2021 Virtual ?ełets'ewéhkwe Godi (Public Listening Session)
May 16	Deadline for Final Written Arguments

# **Responses to Information Requests**

The deadline for responses to all Information Requests is April 4. This is to allow time for Parties to review information responses prior to PLS presentations and questions. The SRRB has notified Parties where there are outstanding responses to Round 1 and 2 IRs.

# Presentations for the Déline 2021 PLS

Further to the Public Notice of December 17, 2021, the SRRB reminds Parties of its decision regarding the issues to be addressed at the Délınę 2021 Virtual PLS. The Délınę 2021 Virtual PLS is part of a larger five-part PLS series on the question: *"What is the most effective way to conserve caribou?"* The SRRB expects Parties to prepare presentations on the two remaining issues for the Délınę 2021 Virtual PLS (as stated in the December 17, 2021 Notice on Issues and Deferred Issues).

The Déline 2021 Virtual PLS is focused on the central question: *"What should people's role be in maintaining healthy relationships between caribou and other wildlife?"* Presentations should be about the status and relationships of caribou, people and community conservation planning, with special attention in this PLS to other wildlife (including predators and competitors).

The Déline 2021 Virtual PLS will also include consideration of a *Hidó Gogha Sénégots'írá* (Community Conservation Plan - CCP) Process and Components Guide. The SRRB circulated a draft document on September 14, 2021, with a request for comments. The SRRB reviewed comments received to date and is preparing a revised draft that will be circulated by April 14. Presentations should include submissions on the April 14 Revised Draft of the CCP Process and Components Guide.

# Agenda for the Déline 2021 Virtual PLS

The SRRB provided Procedural Guidance and an Agenda on December 17, 2021. The Procedural Guidance remains valid and unchanged. The Agenda has been updated with revised dates.

It is still expected that participants will gather in community bubbles each day at 9:00 am so that technical issues can be addressed and the proceeding can start promptly at 9:30 am. The schedule provides for two-hour sessions each morning and afternoon, with a lunch break. If needed, there will be other health breaks during each day. Breaks will be called where there are suitable opportunities in the agenda.

## Monday, April 25

- 9:00 Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks
- 9:30 *Opening prayer*

Chair and Dél<sub>i</sub>nę Co-Host Opening Comments Introductions Review of Public Listening Agenda and Procedures Acknowledgement of Written Submissions Overview of key terminology and concepts Presentation by Dél<sub>i</sub>nę Panel (1 hour) Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each) *Closing prayer* 

## Tuesday, April 26

- 9:00 Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks
- 9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts Presentations by Sahtú communities (30 min. each) Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)

- Colville Lake Panel
- Fort Good Hope Panel

Closing prayer

### Wednesday, April 27

9:00 Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks

#### 9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts Presentations by Sahtú communities (30 min. each) Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)

- Tulít'a Panel
- Norman Wells Panel

Closing prayer

#### Thursday, April 28

- 9:00 Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks
- 9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts Presentation by NWT Environment & Natural Resources (1 hour) Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each) Presentations on Indigenous Knowledge and Science Toolkits (Janet Winbourne and Colin Macdonald) (1 hour); Parties' Questions (15 min. each) *Closing prayer* 

#### Friday, April 29

- 9:00 Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks
- 9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts Presentations by visiting Parties and the public Closing remarks by the Panels/Parties SRRB Closing Comments *Closing prayer* 

## Contact Us!

Please do not hesitate to contact the SRRB at (780) 686-5318 or <u>info@srrb.nt.ca</u> if you have any questions or you would like more information.

