

Notes of the Meeting
Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Forum
Teleconference: Tuesday March 15, 2016, 9am to 10am

1. Planning for the in-person meeting

a. Review of dates and travel logistics

There may be end of fiscal problems with having travel on April 1 and April 2nd. This needs to be discussed. Are people willing to travel on Easter Monday?

b. Review of agenda for the in-person meeting (see draft agenda attached).

c. Language, interpretation and working with Dene concepts.

There was a brief discussion that the preference would be to have the in-person meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure the SRRB doesn't run in to challenges with the auditor and has all funds spent within the fiscal. This will necessitate traveling on an Easter Monday. Those on the call agreed that this would work and the dates were confirmed as follows: Travel – Monday March 28 and Friday April 1. Meeting days – Tuesday March 29 to Thursday March 31.

The draft agenda for the in-person meeting was reviewed. There were suggestions that the discussion about the Forum's draft TOR should come after discussion of the strategy and that there might not be time to spend a full day on it. These changes have been reflected in a revised draft of the agenda.

Pearl Benyck has been retained to help arrange travel logistics because other SRRB staff-members are off this week. She will be contacting those attending the meeting to arrange travel.

It was discussed that Jordan Lennie might be willing and interested in attending as another youth representative.

2. Review of draft research strategy

This is a very early draft version that provides a basis for discussion at the in-person meeting.

a. Overview of draft

b. Discussion of major gaps missing

c. Discussion of which components to emphasize in the March meeting

The structure of the draft research strategy was reviewed very briefly. There was discussion that a focus of the in-person meeting could be on exploring how rooting the strategy in place may help to highlight research priorities. Christine will liaise with Heidi Brown so that some of the maps that she has been working with can be

brought to the Forum meeting as working maps through which to facilitate this discussion.

3. Discussion of briefing note for RRCs

How can the Forum be a better tool for Regional Research Councils?

How can we support Forum Members in fostering more constructive and consistent communications with RRCs?

(This will also be a topic for discussion at the Forum in-person March meeting)

- a. Review of briefing note
- b. Incorporation of edits to briefing note
- c. Forum Terms of Reference to be revisited at March in-person meeting.

Several people on the call had other commitments at 10am so the call was a short one and the third agenda item was not discussed. The briefing note seeking feedback from RRCs on the Forum structure and terms of reference was circulated individually to RRC representatives / Forum Members.

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