



PUBLIC LISTENING UPDATE:

Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Laws) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting

Final Arguments, New Evidence, and Closure of the Record

Notice to Sahtú leaders, Parties, and neighbours, **February 6, 2020**

Background

The SRRB wishes to thank all the Parties and the public for their contributions to the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session. The Board is now preparing for our decision meeting on February 11-13. As a result, the public record for this proceeding will close on **February 10, 2020**. The Board is only able to consider evidence that is included in the record. This update provides information related to evidence following from the January Public Listening Session.

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Draft Transcripts

[Draft transcripts](#) of the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session have been provided by [Digi-Tran](#) and posted on the [Public Registry](#). The drafts are provided for review by the Parties and the public if needed in preparing Final Arguments.

As well, the SRRB invites participants to note any corrections and submit these by no later than **9:00 am on February 10** to info@srrb.nt.ca or phone Deborah Simmons's cell at 867-446-1104. This gives time for corrections by Digi-Tran before the closing of the public record.

Submission of Final Arguments

There is an opportunity for Parties to provide Final Arguments until **February 10**. We want to be sure that everyone, even people who could not be at the Public Listening Session because they were working or travelling on the winter road or couldn't get to Colville Lake from their home communities, has a chance to be heard. As well, those who did present may wish to add new evidence or reflect on what they heard at the Colville Session.

If anyone wants assistance, our staff are available to help record submissions in any format that people wish, oral or written. Please contact info@srrb.nt.ca or Deborah Simmons's cell at 867-446-1104.

Update on Submissions by the Parties

New submissions now available on the [Colville 2020 Public Registry](#) include:

- Tulít'a ʔehdzo Got'ine (Renewable Resources Council) [Round 1](#) and [Round 2](#) Information Request Responses, January 29, 2020.
- Written presentations, graphic recordings as approved by presenters, Colville's Closing Comments and Chair's Closing Remarks at the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session, January 23, 2020 (in Section [4.0 Written Public Listening Presentations and Graphic Recordings](#)).
- [GNWT Responses to Undertakings](#), January 29, 2020.
- [Déljne Response to Indigenous Leadership Initiative Undertaking](#), January 22, 2020.
- [Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association - Hunters' and Trappers' Organization submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board](#), December 4, 2019 (submitted to the SRRB February 6, 2020).

Request for Feedback from the Parties on Non-Party Evidence

The SRRB has taken note of new evidence from a non-Party organisation that is relevant to our central question, "What is the most effective way to regulate the harvest of caribou?" This new evidence is the Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation's [public announcement](#) on January 29, 2020 of their *Yúnethé Xá ʔetthën Hádi – Caribou Stewardship Plan*¹. The [January 2020 version of the plan](#) is available online, and the SRRB expects to receive an officially approved version on February 10. **The Board invites comments** from the Parties regarding whether there is any reason to exclude this recent evidence from the record for the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session.

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Bluenose East Hearing

The SRRB is a recognized Party to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB's) *Public Hearing to Consider the Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Modify the Total Allowable Harvest of Bluenose East Caribou From 340 to 107 and to Establish a Male-Only Harvest Non-Quota Limitation*. The [invitation and proposal](#) related to the NWMB's Bluenose East Hearing are on the Colville 2020 Public Registry, as well as the [submission provided by the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association](#). The Hearing is scheduled to take place in Kugluktuk on March 2-3, with a possible extension to March 4.

The SRRB is preparing a written submission for that Hearing to be submitted by the February 14 deadline, and will present at the Hearing. However, the SRRB's submission will not address any Board decisions, which will not be made public until the Board approval of the Final Report on the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session on March 31, 2020. Additionally, because the record for the

¹ CBC North coverage of the plan can be found at <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/uts-l-k-implements-2-year-hunting-ban-on-bathurst-caribou-1.5452692>.

Colville 2020 Public Listening Session will be closed as of February 10, submissions to the NWMB can not be considered as evidence unless the Board re-opens the record.

Timelines

Deadline for corrections to draft Public Listening transcripts	February 10, 9:00 am
Deadline for Final Written Arguments	February 10
SRRB Report with Reasons for Decision Released	March 31

Confirmed Parties

The SRRB confirmed two Parties on January 20: the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and Indigenous Leadership Initiative. There are now 17 confirmed Parties to the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session, as follows:

1. Acho Dene Koe FN
2. Colville
3. Dehcho First Nations
4. Délıne Got'ıne Government and Délıne ʔehdzo Got'ıne
5. NWT Environment and Natural Resources
6. Fort Good Hope ʔehdzo Got'ıne (Renewable Resources Council)
7. Indigenous Leadership Initiative
8. Inuvialuit Game Council
9. Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association
10. Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council
11. Ross River (Tu Lidlini) Dena Council
12. Sahtú Dene Council
13. Sahtú Youth Network
14. Tulít'a Dene Band
15. Tulít'a Land Corporation
16. Tulít'a ʔehdzo Got'ıne (Renewable Resources Council)
17. Yamoga Land Corporation

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