

Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session

# Draft Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá Guidance

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Notice to Parties and the public, **February 1, 2024**

## Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá (Planning for the Future) Guidance

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## Timeline Summary

February 6	• Teleconference #2
<b>February 16</b>	• <b>Deadline for Written Presentations</b>
February 20-22	• Tłegóhłı 2024 Public Listening Session
<b>March 10</b>	• <b>Deadline for Final Written Arguments ** This date is tentative</b>

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Don't hesitate to contact us with questions and suggestions!

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# Invitation to Comment – SRRB Guidance on Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots’ı́á Content

February 1, 2024 Version



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The SRRB is working on organizing a workshop on the Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́á guidance on how Dene terminology can be incorporated in the guidance prior the PLS. Stay tuned for updates.

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## Background on Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́á

The SRRB is the main instrument of wildlife management in the Sahtú Settlement Area. The SRRB was established by the Sahtú Dene and Métis Land Claim Agreement, a modern treaty that applies to the Sahtú Settlement Area. The rights that it grants are constitutionally protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. The SRRB is responsible for approving plans for wildlife, habitat, and harvesting.

At the conclusion of the second Public Listening Session, the SRRB adopted a policy to support community-based conservation planning, referred to by the Dene phrase hı́dó gogha sė́nė́gots'ı́á (planning for the future) to achieve the objectives in the *SDMCLCA* for wildlife, habitat, and harvesting. The SRRB's approach to Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́a (Planning for the Future – PFF) is subject to the Board's 2023 Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́á Policy.

**Hjdó gogha sėnégots'ı́á (Planning for the future – PFF) is a community-based, rights-compliant, governance framework that reflects and respects local Dene and Métis knowledge, customs, and practices. Hjdó gogha sėnégots'ı́á is a viable conservation approach that is community-led and a more effective and more rights-compliant alternative to harvest limits.**

The SRRB's 2023 Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ı́á (Planning for the Future – PFF) Policy is centred on three interdependent principles:

- 1. ʔası́ı Godı hé Dene Ts'ı́ ı́ hé (Biocultural Diversity)** - Dene expect decisions that affect them to account for ʔası́ı dodı́ hé Dene ts'ı́ ı́ hé (all living things and Dene ways of being).
- 2. ʔedets'ė́ K'áokerewe (Self-Regulation)** - In Dene ʔeʔa (law) people and wildlife are called upon to respect each other's autonomy as a basis for social cohesion and survival in a harsh environment through ʔedets'ė́ k'áots'erewe (self-regulation).
- 3. Godı Kehtsı́ (Ethical Space)** - Dene and Métis participation in conservation efforts with government depends on godı kehtsı́ (fair consideration or coming together of diverse perspectives, or ethical space), including science and Indigenous knowledge through ʔełexé ʔeghálats'eda (collaborative) systems of accountability.

#### Vision for Community Leadership in Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ı́á

Hjdó gogha sėnégots'ı́á facilitates the documentation of local and Indigenous knowledges, customs, and practices in wildlife conservation in a written plan for consideration in decision-making. The SRRB recognizes the importance and value of Sahtú Dene and Métis involvement in decisions about wildlife and landscapes.

The SRRB believes the planning process should be defined by the community. Planning processes can be important opportunities for community members, leaders, and others to come together and discuss what is most important for the future. These discussions can inform the development of a written plan. The SRRB is not prescribing the form of written plan prepared by a community.

The planning for the future process must be community-led and -owned. The SRRB expects that the process will include extensive community input and the involvement of community leadership. The SRRB recognizes and looks for ʔehdzo got'ı́ne (renewable resources council) leadership in planning for the future. However, the SRRB again acknowledges that it is up to each community to define their specific process and resulting plan.

# Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá Guidance

## - Draft for PLS Review -

**This guidance is to provide information about what content the SRRB is looking for in a written plan.** The way Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá is presented here is not prescribed, or a 'requirement' but a suggestion for a simple way to organize and present the information that may be included in a written plan.

In this guidance, the contents of Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá are organized into three parts:

- *The Story of This Plan;*
- *The Story of the Land and Animals;* and
- *Goals and Actions.*

**Within each of these parts, there are sections explaining content the SRRB wants communities to be aware of when they are doing Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá:**

### *The Story of This Plan*

- √ Evidence of Community Support
- √ Plan Purpose and Topic
- √ Plan Area
- √ Planning Context
- √ Planning Process and Local Community Involvement
- √ Involvement of others beyond the community

### *The Story of the Land and Animals*

- √ Cultural ways to inform the plan
- √ Community and Cultural understanding of the situation
- √ Others' understanding of the situation
- √ Key community priorities

### *Goals and Actions*

- √ Goals
- √ Action Plan

## The Story of This Plan

*The story of this plan is information about the plan and planning process*

This section explains specifics about the plan itself: how was it created, who was involved in creating it, who and where the plan applies, and what it is for. Like all other elements of the plan, it is expected that local community members and organizations like the RRC participate in developing this section of the plan.

### Evidence of Community Support

**Show that this plan is supported by the community.** Evidence may include a list of supporting organizations and community leaders and a page of signatures, letters of support, or resolutions that demonstrate support for the plan. RRC support is required for SRRB approval.

### Plan Purpose and Topic

**Describe the purpose and topic of the plan.** A PFF plan addresses the various ways that the community or specific local organizations will take care of the *land and animals* in the area. If the plan addresses specific topics such as caribou, predators and competitors, climate change, or specific areas of land, it is helpful to say this at the beginning. Over time, a PFF plan may grow to include more topics.

### Plan Area

**Describe the area that the plan covers.** This could include a map that shows that area. Name and/or show on the map any other important boundaries, areas, features, or locations in the area.

### Planning Context

**Explain how the plan relates to the Land Claim, Federal or NWT laws, other plans, or agreements for this area.** Explain if this plan adds to these, complements them, or suggests things that don't agree with those other plans and laws.

### Planning Process and Local Community Involvement

**Say how the plan was developed and how the community was involved.** Name the people and groups who helped, and make a list of any meetings, discussions, or feedback activities. Details here can be helpful; for example, include the dates of when these events happened and how many people were there.

### Involvement of others beyond the community

**Describe how other Sahtú communities, neighbouring Land Claim organizations, GNWT staff, and/or other groups (such as SSI or ACCWM) were involved.** Especially where these others may be impacted by the plan, the SRRB recommends that they have had the chance to review and provide feedback on it. Explain if any of these provided feedback that influenced the plan.

## THE STORY OF THE LAND AND ANIMALS

*The story of the land and the animals is information about \*the land and animals\* (or \*the specific topic of the plan\*)*

This section should provide an understanding of the current situation, trends, and issues specific to the topic of the plan. Like all other elements of the plan, it is expected that local community members and organizations participate in developing this section of the plan.

### Cultural Ways that inform the plan

**Explain what Dene and Métis culture says about the *land and animals*.** Talk about the role of ɛɛɛ (law) in the plan, how the plan honours ts'ı́ı́ (culture), and respectful ways for being on the land or the “right ways” for Dene and Métis ways of life. Describe any practices, customs, stories, or knowledge that is important to this plan. Explain any relevant cultural terms and concepts in the plan. If helpful and appropriate, include maps that show places that are culturally important or important to the *land and animals* for various reasons.

### Community and Cultural Understanding of the Topic

**Share what the community sees and knows about how the people, *land and animals* in this area are doing today.** What are people worried about? Are there changes happening and why are they happening? What are people seeing that helps them know these things are happening? Are some worries or changes more significant than others?

### Others' Understanding of the Topic

**Explain what the government and/or scientists say about the *land and animals* in this area.** Include government abundance estimates, current conditions and key issues according to them. If helpful and appropriate, include maps showing this information.

### Key Community Priorities

**Outline the key issues or concerns that the community hopes to deal with through this plan.** This could outline issues in terms of priorities, the biggest concerns, or most urgent worries.



## GOALS AND ACTIONS

### *What we intend to do*

This section should outline the goals and actions that the community or local organizations will take to address the key community priorities. Like all other elements of the plan, it is expected that local community members and organizations participate in developing this section of the plan. It is also expected that other communities and organizations that would be affected by this plan will be consulted while developing this section of the plan.

### Goals

**List and explain the community's goals.** Each goal describes what the community wants to achieve in relation to a specific area of work, a key community priority, or a particular aspect of cultural laws and traditions.

For each goal, explain so that others can understand (1) why it is a goal, (2) cultural or community considerations that provide context for the goal, and (3) whether there are specific outcomes or results that will help mark progress towards achieving the goal.

In addition to listing and explaining the goals, mention whether any of them or more urgent or more important than others.

### Action Plan

**Outline the actions that will be taken to achieve the goals.** Actions are typically organized under each goal. They are tangible and usually involve starting projects; developing or improving programs; or creating new rules or policies. Each action statement should include details about timing, who is doing what, and resources needed (staff, money, etc).

Specific types of actions that the SRRB encourages include:

- **Goal Implementation Actions** which explain how the community will work towards each goal.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation Actions** which explain how the community will gather information to track progress towards each goal and for the plan.
- **Communication Actions** which explain how youth will be educated, and how the plan and monitoring will be shared with community members and others.
- **Plan Update Actions** which outline when and how the plan will be updated.

## APPENDIX

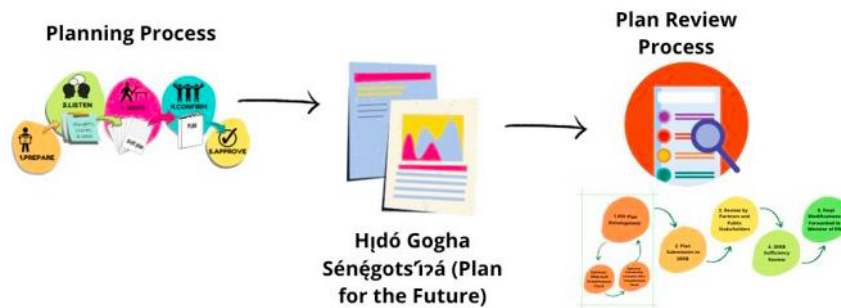
### Questions and Answers about the draft Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá Guidance

*What is this guidance?*

- This guidance explains the Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá content the SRRB is looking for. It is a draft being shared with parties for comment during PLS 3. This guidance builds on what the SRRB has heard from communities and from government. The SRRB intends to provide a final version at the end of PLS 3.
- **The SRRB providing an opportunity for party input on what content it will look for in Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá, in a Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá written plan, or whether any parts in this guidance should not be included in Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá or a written plan.**
- After the SRRB issues a final version, communities will be invited to consider the guidance when they prepare a Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá written plan. The SRRB will use this guidance when it reviews submissions of Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá written plans. The guidance is intended inspire planning without imposing a process or outline for a written plan.

*How can communities use the guidance for preparing Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá Written Plans?*

- The Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá guidance is intended to help communities do the different phases involved in Hjdó Gogha Sénégots'írá planning:
  - preparing;
  - listening;
  - writing;
  - confirming; and
  - approving.
- The planning process does not have to happen in this order. These phases are suggestions to inspire planning without imposing a process. Communities may address questions or identify supporting information in different phases of the process.

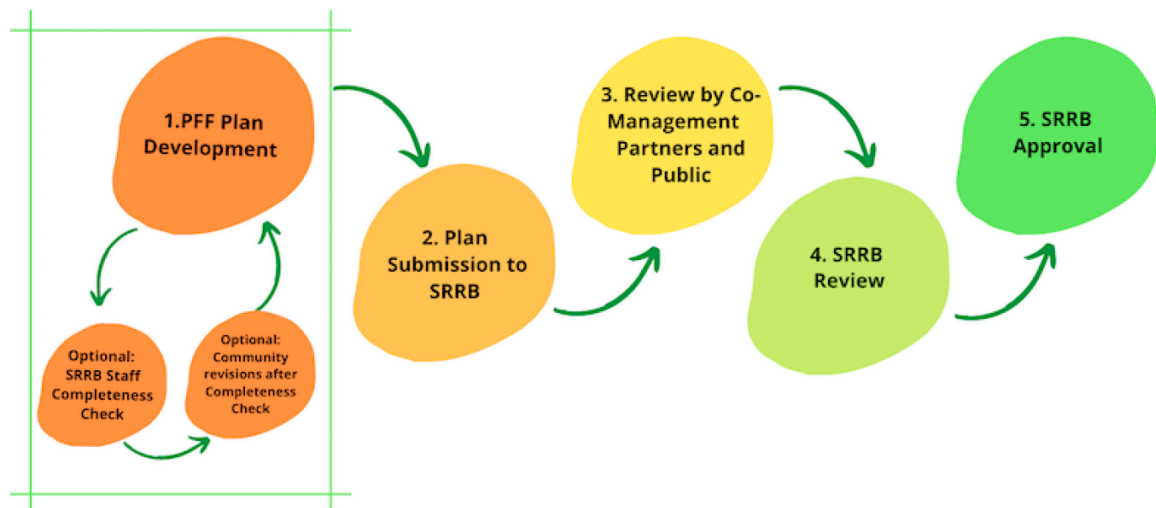


*What are the different sections in the guidance?*

- The SRRB suggests that each plan include the content in the guidance, but the content is not prescribed. As part of reviewing this draft guidance, and after input from the PLS, the SRRB will consider whether there is minimum content from the guidance to highlight or emphasize.
- Written plans, like the planning process, will look different for each community. Communities may address topics or identify supporting information in different phases of the process or different sections of a written plan.
- Communities are encouraged (but not required) to share draft written plans with SRRB staff for screening before making a formal submission for the Board's approval. The staff screening will refer to this guidance. The results of the screening will be provided to the community and are part of the public record when a Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá written plan is considered by the Board. Communities are encouraged to consider incorporating feedback from SRRB staff and comments from other parties before making their formal submission to the Board.

*How will the SRRB approve a written plan?*

- The SRRB anticipates the following steps from its 2023 Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá Policy for review and approval of a Written Plan:



- The SRRB will refer to this guidance when SRRB staff screens a draft plan or when the Board decides whether to approve a written plan. The SRRB will also consider some over-arching questions outlined in its Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá policy when it reviews a Hjdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá written plan:
  - *Planning Process*: How was the plan developed? How was the community involved?
  - *Plan Approval*: Has the plan been approved by community leadership organizations?

- *Written Plan Content*: Does the plan address the sections outlined in the SRRB's Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá guidance? If sections or supporting information are missing or not addressed, is there a reason?
- *Supporting Information*: Does the written plan include sufficient supporting information?
- Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá written plans that include specific goals that challenge established norms or deal with authority of bodies not subject to the written plan (such as government or other communities) should be appropriately supported by reasonable actions or steps toward an outcome. Communities should not expect immediate results because of writing a plan.
- Under the land claim, the SRRB is responsible for approving management plans, including Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá written plans. The SRRB may not be able to approve plans where any goals or action plans contravenes rights and authorities described in the SDMCLCA or other law.
- The Board will take into account its policy, this guidance, staff screening of draft plans and party comment when it considers a written plan for approval. SRRB "approval" of a Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá written plan is a decision under the SDMCLCA. The Board makes decisions independently, according to the SDMCLCA, in a way that meets the duty of fairness. The Minister reviews SRRB decisions made under its land claim mandate.

*What role does the SRRB have in Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá?*

- Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá written plans are prepared by communities. The SRRB does not do planning for communities. The SRRB cannot influence or direct how Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá is done in the community.
- SRRB staff do not decide whether to approve a plan. Staff may attend or facilitate community planning activities, but SRRB staff must remain independent and not provide input with respect to the content of the written plan.
- Board members receive and consider written plans when they are submitted to the SRRB. Board members have no role in Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ırá at the community level.