

BLUENOSE EAST CARIBOU HEARING



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RE: Reminder of Pre-Hearing Conference Call with Parties, February 19, 10:00 am-noon

This is a reminder of Pre-Hearing Conference, by telephone, for the Bluenose East Caribou Management Hearing. The call will take place on Friday, February 19, 10:00 am-noon. A draft agenda is included at the bottom of this letter. **You can participate by calling 1-866-969-8429 and entering code 4950573#.**

Purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference

The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference telephone call is to prepare Parties and the ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtu Renewable Resources Board - SRRB) for the Public Hearing.

How to Prepare for the Pre-Hearing Conference

Please prepare for the Pre-Hearing Conference by being ready to share on the phone call:

- A list of issues you think need to be addressed in the Hearing (see below)
- A list of the speakers or witnesses who will be speaking for your Party at the Public Hearing
- Any questions you have about the process

List of Key Emerging Issues

The SRRB has compiled a *List of Key Emerging Issues* for the Hearing (attached). This list is intended to assist the SRRB and Parties to prepare for issues and questions that will likely arise in the hearing. The SRRB compiled the list based on information in the Délıne and ENR caribou management proposals, the Information Requests currently being exchanged by the Parties, discussions with the Board's Technical Advisors and discussions with Sahtú communities and ENR about the hearing.

The SRRB requests that Parties review the attached *List of Key Emerging Issues* and consider whether there are additional key issues that are likely to arise in the hearing and that can be shared with the SRRB and other Parties.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Pre-Hearing Conference please contact me at (867) 588-4040 or info@srrb.nt.ca.

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Program Coordinator

Prehearing Conference Agenda

Friday, February 19, 2016

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1. Opening Prayer and Welcome
2. Chair's Review of Purpose of Pre Hearing Conference
3. Review of Confirmed Parties in Hearing
4. Review of Anticipated Witnesses/Speakers for Each Party
5. Review of Dates, Location and Other Details
6. Update on SRRB's (New) Conflict of Interest Guidelines
7. Other Issues Before the Public Hearing

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The SRRB requests that Parties review this list and consider whether there are additional key issues that are likely to arise in the hearing and that can be shared with the SRRB and other Parties.

Consultation

- Consultation approaches and needs.

Knowledge

- Changing caribou ecology and habitat concerns, including fire management (eg. range, size, intensity) and calving ground habitat.
- Caribou monitoring approaches and options (including use of collars, methods for estimating population size and movement, estimates of reported and "true" harvest).
- Herd definition: one herd versus three Bluenose herds.
- Predator (eg. grizzly bear and wolf) relationships with caribou.
- Cumulative effects considerations.
- Cross regional considerations in research and monitoring.

Conservation measures

- Caribou conservation/stewardship approaches, including definition and use of conservation and existence and scope of a conservation concern.
- Area versus population-based approaches to caribou conservation.
- Harvest management approaches (including the basis for suggested regional allocations)
- Harvesting yárégo (smaller males) versus tsída (females)
- Predator control.
- Community well-being in the context of changing caribou populations (eg. health, culture, spirituality, education/knowledge transmission, food security, economic impacts).
- Co-management options and approaches (eg. roles and responsibilities of co-management partners).
- Management plan implementation (including enforcement, authorization, and harvest reporting options).
- Cross-regional conservation considerations.

Communication and education

- Communication and education approaches.

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