



Déljné 2021
Public Listening
Tjch'ádii hé Gots'edí
Living with Wildlife



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Tjch'ádii hé Gots'edí (Living with Wildlife) – Predators and Competitors CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNITY PLANS

Notice to Sahtú leaders and the public, **December 16, 2021**

Background

On December 1, 2020, the ʔehdzo Got'jné Gots'é Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – SRRB) and Déljné issued a joint announcement of the 2021 Public Listening Session along with Round 1 Information Requests and a timeline for the proceeding. The central question for the 2021 Session is “What should people’s role be in maintaining healthy relationships between caribou and other wildlife?” The proceeding will also be an opportunity to address questions arising from the Colville 2020 session on the topic of harvest regulation.

Parties are encouraged to develop and/or submit plans related to maintaining healthy ecological relationships among caribou and other wildlife (especially predators and competitors such as díga/wolves and ʔejire/muskoxen) as well as any new or updated plans related to harvest regulation affecting the three caribou ecotypes that live in or travel through the Sahtú region. These are ʔekwé/ʔədə/nódele (barren-ground caribou), ʔdʒí/boreal caribou, and shúhta goʔepé (mountain caribou). The SRRB is empowered to approve such plans as they apply to wildlife within the Sahtú region under Section 13.8.23(c) of the *Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement*.

This document provides an overview of key items required for plans related to **healthy wildlife relationships** and **harvest regulation**. It is expected that these topical plans will eventually serve as components of complete caribou conservation plans.¹ They may also build on existing plans (such as in the cases of Colville’s *Dehlá Got'jné ʔədə Plan*, Déljné’s *Belare Wile Gots'é ʔekwé – Caribou for*

¹ The list of required community conservation plan components is available from the SRRB upon request. The list was developed to provide context for the SRRB’s 2016 Hearing Decision 7, namely: “The ʔehdzo Got'jné Gots'é Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) accepts the principle of ʔekwé ʔedets'é k'áokerewe (caribou self-regulation), as reflected in community conservation plans, as the best foundation for Bluenose East ʔekwé conservation at this time.” *ʔekwé Hé Dene Ts'jli - Sustaining Relationships. Final Report of the ʔehdzo Got'jné Gots'é Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) Bluenose East ʔekwé (Caribou) Hearing 2016*. Tulit'a, NT: Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), July 28, 2016. Figure 5 at 44. www.srrb.nt.ca. The list is also provided in *Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Session Report and Reasons for Decision*, 2020 SRRB 1, October 30, 2020, Tulit'a, NT. Appendix H, page 168.

All Time plan, and the Nío Nę P'ęńę Begháré Shúhta Gozepé Narehzá – Trails of the Mountain Caribou plan).

Each of the Public Listening Sessions spanning 2021-2024 addresses a key component of a complete plan listed in the 2020 Colville Public Listening Report and Reasons for Decision and 2016 *ᑭękwę hé Dene Ts'łı - Sustaining Relationships* Bluenose East Hearing Report. Through the Public Listening series, the SRRB plans to modify and add to the checklists provided in the 2016 and 2020 reports based on evidence and issues as they arise.

The plan checklist for caribou harvest regulation summarizes in a simple checklist form the components of a community conservation plan as outlined by the SRRB in its 2016 and 2020 Decisions, but includes additions based on evidence provided at the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session. We also invite communities to submit complete plans according to the 2016/2020 list of plan components as soon as plans are completed, approved and ready for public review.

It is important to communicate well about plans, to provide evidence that supports the plans, and to demonstrate how plans will be evaluated. Stories will be weighed by the SRRB as important evidence. **There are two deadlines for submission of plans: January 25 and February 15.** The first deadline provides an opportunity to present and discuss the plans at the virtual regional planning workshop for community panels on January 26-28. Parties are urged to submit plans as early as possible in order to provide maximum time for review by all Parties and the public, and for any Information Requests related to the plans.

Plan Checklist for Healthy Wildlife Relationships

Plans for maintaining healthy wildlife relationships should include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- Relevant terms and concepts
- Key issues and knowledge gaps
- Description of what healthy relationships between caribou and other wildlife look like
- Changes that may threaten caribou populations, and how the changes are happening
- Changes that may help caribou populations, and how people can help
- Key strengths, challenges, and strategies, including resources needed to implement the plan
- Measures used for evaluating progress
- Stories as supporting evidence

Plan Checklist for Caribou Harvest Regulation

Harvest regulation plans should include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- Relevant Dene terms and concepts
- Key issues and knowledge gaps, including alternative harvest
- Harvest areas/zones
- Methods for authorizing harvest
- Appropriate seasons of harvest and harvest locations

- Respectful harvesting and meat handling protocols
- Community sharing protocols and agreements with other users within and beyond the Sahtú
- Harvest monitoring, including methods and reporting protocols and timelines
- Caribou monitoring
- Food security/alternative harvest
- Hunter/youth training
- Measures for supporting compliance, including enforcement
- Key strengths, challenges, and strategies, including resources needed to implement the plan
- Measures used for evaluating progress
- Stories as supporting evidence

Délıne 2021 Virtual Public Listening Session Timeline

This timeline includes minor corrections to the version provided on December 1.

December 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Listening announcement
December 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teleconference #1 (1-4 pm) • Posting of plan checklist
December-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community workshops to prepare presentations
January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to register as a Party • Posting of IK/science toolkit
January 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ne K'ə Dene Ts'ııı - Living on the Land Forum meeting to prepare for planning workshop (1-4 pm) • Deadline for responses to Round 1 Information Requests (IRs)
January 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First deadline for submission of draft plans and updates • Round 2 IRs
January 26-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual regional planning workshop for community panels
February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for responses to Round 2 IRs • Final deadline for submission of draft plans
February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 3 IRs
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for responses to Round 3 IRs
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teleconference #2 (1-4 pm)
April 19-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Public Listening Session with community bubbles

Learn more, register as a Party, or submit information!

The Public Registry for the Délıne 2021 Public Listening Session is online at www.srrb.nt.ca. The Public Registry includes forms for registering as a Party (deadline **January 15, 2021**), and for commenting or providing information related to the Public Listening themes and questions. Written submissions can also be provided by email to info@srrb.nt.ca. If you would like to request assistance in documenting plans or responses to information requests, please contact SRRB staff at 867-588-4040. These oral submissions will be documented under the SRRB's protocol for documentation and validation of oral submissions.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments about the proceeding.