



# PLS Timing and Round 3 Information Requests



Notice to Parties and the public, **December 9, 2021**

This notice includes an update on PLS timing, and Round 3 Information Requests (IRs) for the Déline 2021 ʔelets'éhkwé Godi (Public Listening Session) on *Tich'ádú hé Gots'edí (Living with Wildlife) – Predators and Competitors*. As well, the SRRB is providing notice to Parties where previous IRs are outstanding, with an request for submission of these IRs by the Round 3 deadline of **January 14, 2022**.

## PLS Timing

After inviting Parties to comment on the timing of the Déline 2021 PLS and having received a response from our Déline partners and co-hosts, the SRRB has decided to exercise its discretion adjust the dates to **January 31-February 4, 2022** (over five days).

The longer span of the PLS will allow for the possibility of meeting for shorter periods each day, to accommodate the challenges of the hybrid format for the hearing with community bubbles connecting through a virtual platform. The aim is to allow a more reasonable pacing to address barriers caused by technical issues and zoom fatigue, while also enhancing opportunities for parties to make submissions, ask questions and respond to questions.

## Round 3 Information Requests (IRs) and Completing Rounds 1-2 IRs

IRs are written requests for information directed to a Party or Parties in the PLS. The deadline for submitting responses to Round 3 IRs is **January 14, 2022**. The current IRs include some new questions. As well, the SRRB has reviewed responses to Rounds 1 and 2 Information Requests, and has noted that there are IRs outstanding from the previous rounds.

Round 1 IRs were issued on December 1, 2020, along with announcement of the Déline 2021 PLS. Round 2 IRs were issued on July 16, 2021. Parties are reminded the SRRB expects them to respond to all IRs issued (see SRRB Rules for Hearings, Rule 11.3).

The SRRB is taking the issuance of the Round 3 IRs to provide notice to Parties where there was no response to



previous IRs, or the information provided was incomplete. Responses to previous IRs are due at the same time as the Round 3 IRs - **January 14, 2022**.

Contributing parties will receive the SRRB review of responses in a separate email, with incomplete Round 1 and Round 2 responses noted.

*New IRs for Round 3 are as follows:*

#### *Déłıne IR to NWT Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)*

1. In Dehlá Got'ıne's ʔade Plan they quote from the Recovery Strategy for Barren-Ground ʔade in the Northwest Territories, NWT Species at Risk, 2020. In the quote, it says that additional information is needed on the impact of Industrial development on caribou. Please provide an update on the GNWT's work to gather that additional needed information.
2. In your response to IR Q2.1.1.4, you said that ENR supports CCPs as they are a valuable part of overall wildlife and harvest management. Please elaborate on how you plan to formally incorporate CCPs into the overall wildlife and harvest management system, particularly into GNWT law, regulation and policy.
3. In our *Belare Wıle Gots'ę ʔekwé – Caribou for All Time – A Déłıne Got'ıne Plan of Action* for 2021-2023 and in our answer to Q2.1.1.13, we provided updates on our work with ENR to implement our Plan. We would like some further information from ENR related to that work. Specifically, in May 29, 2021, we sent a letter to Minister Shane Thompson with our comments on changes needed to improve the CHAP program. Please provide a response to that letter or explain how the GNWT is responding to our points set out in that letter.
4. In order to rebuild good relationships between local communities and ENR and foster mentoring and support, will ENR make it mandatory that, when invited, ENR officers and local ENR employees must attend RRC meetings, Working Group meetings, community events, and be involved with the RRC?

#### *Déłıne IR to Dehlá Got'ıne (Colville)*

5. In your IR2 response to Q2.1.1.4, you said that you are keeping a lot of your ʔeʔá to yourselves for now until you are confident that others will listen and respect your ʔeʔá. What types of actions or steps can others take to make you feel confident that others will listen and respect your ʔeʔá?

#### *SRRB IR to Déłıne*

6. Déłıne has submitted the 2021 Version of *Belare Wıle Gots'ę ʔekwé – Caribou for All Time: A Déłıne Got'ıne Plan of Action* for review at the Déłıne 2021 PLS. The 2021 Version includes an informative new table summarizing some of the implementation work that has been done. Please provide additional information about how Déłıne will monitor plan implementation, assuring that the plan is meeting its vision and goals. As noted in the Hıdó Gogha Sénégots'ıʔá (Community Conservation Plan Guide) Guide shared with the Parties on September 14, 2021, the SRRB is looking for certain information, such as:

- How will monitoring occur? Who will conduct monitoring?
- How will actions be recognized as successful or not?
- How will actions be measured? What are the indicators?
- What will happen if actions are not successful?
- How well did people do in complying with the plan?

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