



Procedural Guidance, and Revised Draft Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nėgots'ı́á (Plan for the Future) Policy and Guide

Notice to Parties and the public, **April 14, 2022**

This notice provides an update on the Déline 2021 Virtual ʔelets'ewéhkwe Godi (Public Listening Session – PLS), scheduled for **April 25-29**. Clarifications on procedural guidance are provided. As well, a *Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nėgots'ı́á (Plan for the Future) Policy and Guide*, revised in part based on feedback from Parties, is provided for a second round of review and comment. Parties are encouraged to include comments on the *Policy and Guide* in their written and oral submissions to the PLS.

A reminder that written and/or slide presentations is **April 22, 2022**. Final written arguments are due two weeks after the close of the PLS, on **May 16, 2022**.

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Procedural Guidance

The SRRB's *Rules for Hearings* (2019) apply, with necessary modifications for the Virtual PLS format being used for the Délı̄nę 2021 Virtual PLS (Rules 3.4-3.8). This procedural guidance supplements the SRRB's existing procedural guidance for this PLS, including:

- December 1, 2020, PLS Notice
- July 7, 2021, Resumption Notice
- December 17, 2021, Notice including Procedural Guidance

Issues and Presentations

The issues for the Délı̄nę 2021 Virtual PLS are as follows:

1. **Issues for all five PLS:** What is the most effective way to conserve caribou?
2. **Central issue for Délı̄nę 2021 PLS** - What should people's role be in maintaining healthy relationships between caribou and other wildlife?
3. **New issue for Délı̄nę 2021 PLS:** *Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Plan for the Future) Policy and Guide*

The SRRB will expect parties to attend the PLS prepared to present, discuss and consider approaches to these issues. The SRRB is prepared to receive written presentations and oral submissions at the Délı̄nę 2021 Virtual PLS (Rule 10.5). The SRRB anticipates receiving submissions from parties on:

- The status of caribou, people and planning
- Caribou relationships with predators (including díga/wolf) and any proposed management measures
- Caribou relationships with competitors (including ɔ́jı́re/muskoxen) and any proposed management measures
- Hı́dó Gogha Sė́nė́gots'ı́zá (Plan for the Future) Policy & Guide*

Order in PLS

The SRRB will be responsible for the procedure during the PLS, with a Chair and a Facilitator. The Délı̄nę 2021 Virtual PLS will proceed according to the Agenda in the December 17, 2021, PLS Notice, with a slight modification to the order of presentations (see Appendix B). The Agenda follows the Schedule in the Rules for Hearings, with modifications to items eight, nine, and ten for the PLS format to allow multiple presentations and final reply by all parties (see Appendix C).

Presentations will be followed by questions or comments from parties in the order listed below. The presenter will have an opportunity to respond to questions. Comments may be addressed in the presenter's concluding remarks at the end of the question/comment period.

1. Délı̄nę Panel
2. Colville Lake Panel
3. Fort Good Hope Panel
4. Norman Wells Panel
5. Tulı́t'a Panel
6. GNWT Environment and Natural Resources
7. Other Parties (order to be determined)
8. SRRB Board/Staff/Advisors

Parties will have the opportunity to make closing remarks before the end of the PLS. The SRRB intends this opportunity to allow for parties to reply to any of the evidence they have heard during the PLS. Final written arguments are due two weeks after the close of the PLS, on May 16, 2022.

Streaming and Recording

The SRRB convenes proceedings that are open to the public. The Délıne 2021 Virtual PLS will be using internet communications to facilitate the proceeding. The SRRB and parties will be on Zoom, with some attending via community hubs while others may connect directly. The SRRB will make a feed of the PLS available on Facebook Livestream for public viewing. Any chat functions in these platforms will be monitored and moderated for appropriate conduct.

For those attending the Délıne 2021 Virtual PLS, your attending this public proceeding with advance notice of broadcasting is your consent to be filmed and recorded by the SRRB. The SRRB is authorizing a live broadcast of the PLS only. Rebroadcasting is only permitted with the SRRB's consent.

COVID Safety Planning

We ask local “bubble” coordinators to provide appropriate measures and protocols for COVID-19 risks. All parties are asked to make smart decisions for themselves, their families and community members. Physical distancing, disinfecting, and mask use is still recommended in indoor gatherings.

Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá (Plan for the Future) Policy & Guide

The SRRB provided a draft *Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá (Community Conservation Plan) Process and Components Guide* to the Parties and the public for review and comment on September 14, 2021. The SRRB received some comments that were helpful in preparing a revised document. In addition, the SRRB has further developed its Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá policy to certainty on the process for approval of plans and plan components. The updated *Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ızá (Plan for the Future) Policy & Guide* provided as Appendix A brings together the policy and guide as a single document. The SRRB asks Parties to review this document in preparing written and oral submissions for the April 25-29 PLS.

PLS Submissions

The SRRB reminds all parties that all submissions for the Délıne 2021 Virtual PLS are available on the SRRB's public registry (www.srrb.nt.ca). Documents in the registry will be considered evidence and subject to the SRRB's assessment, along with oral submissions during the PLS. If parties intend to rely on a document in the PLS, it should be filed by April 22, the same deadline for written and/or slide presentations (Rules 10.1, 12.5).

Toolkits and Technical Advisors

The SRRB engaged an Indigenous Knowledge Advisor (Janet Winbourne) and a Science Advisor (Colin Macdonald) to gather evidence relevant to the issues raised in the Délıne 2021 Virtual PLS. The Indigenous Knowledge and Science Toolkits were entered in the public registry on January 16, 2021 for parties to review. The Advisors will also present oral evidence at the PLS.

Post-PLS Reminders and Timeline

The SRRB will have audio, video, and graphic recordings for the PLS, as well as a written transcript. Final written arguments are due **May 16, 2022**. The SRRB will advise if all materials required for decision-making have been received and if the record for the Délı̄ne 2021 Virtual PLS is closed by **May 20, 2022**.

Timeline

April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teleconference #3• Deadline for written and/or slide presentations
April 25-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Délı̄ne 2021 Virtual ʔelets'ewéhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session)
May 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for Final Written Arguments

Parties

The parties who have been granted standing in the Délı̄ne 2021 Virtual PLS are confirmed and on the registry (Rules 8.5, 8.6). For each Sahtú community, Parties will be grouped as a single Panel for the PLS agenda. The SRRB reminds stakeholders, particularly harvesters and rights-holders from neighbouring regions, of its long-standing invitation to consider registering to participate in the PLS and these important discussions.

Sahtú Community Panels

Délı̄ne Panel: Délı̄ne Got'ı̄ne Government, Délı̄ne ʔehdzo Got'ı̄ne (Renewable Resources Council)

Colville Lake Panel: Ayoni Keh Land Corporation, Behdzi Ahda First Nation, Colville Lake Renewable Resources Council

Fort Good Hope Panel: Fort Good Hope Deshı̄ta Got'ı̄neke (Renewable Resources Council)

Norman Wells Panel: Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council

Tulıt'a Panel: *Community organisational Parties unspecified*

Other Parties

Listed alphabetically

Anne-Marie Jackson
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society NWT
Chapter (CPAWS-NWT)
Dene Nation
GNWT Environment and Natural Resources
Indigenous Leadership Initiative

Inuvialuit Joint Secretariat and Inuvialuit
Game Council
Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association
Lucy Jackson
Lutsël K'é Dene First Nation
Sahtú Youth Network
Tı̄chq Government

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Please do not hesitate to contact the SRRB at (780) 686-5318 or info@srrb.nt.ca if you have any questions or if you would like more information.

APPENDIX B: Modified Order of Events

Modified Order of Events (from Schedule I, SRRB Rules for Hearings)

Schedule I: Order of Events at a Public Hearing of the ʔehdzo Got'ıne Ǿots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 3) Introduction of Board Members, Board Staff and Technical Consultants
- 4) Introduction of the Parties
- 5) Review of Agenda for the Hearing
- 6) Preliminary and Procedural Matters (if any)
- 7) Acknowledgement of Written Submissions
- MODIFIED** 8) Presentations from Parties
- MODIFIED** 9) Questions and Comments from Parties on Presentations (repeated for each presentation)
- MODIFIED** 10) Comments from the Public
- 11) Closing Remarks
- 12) Adjournment of the Hearing
- 13) Closing Prayer

APPENDIX C: Agenda for the Déljñę 2021 Virtual PLS

The SRRB provided Procedural Guidance and an Agenda on December 17, 2021. The Procedural Guidance remains valid and unchanged. The Agenda has been updated with revised dates.

It is still expected that participants will gather in community bubbles each day at 9:00 am so that technical issues can be addressed and the proceeding can start promptly at 9:30 am. The schedule provides for two-hour sessions each morning and afternoon, with a lunch break. If needed, there will be other health breaks during each day. Breaks will be called where there are suitable opportunities in the agenda.

Monday, April 25

9:00 *Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks*

9:30 *Opening prayer*
Chair and Déljñę Co-Host Opening Comments
Introductions
Review of Public Listening Agenda and Procedures
Acknowledgement of Written Submissions
Overview of key terminology and concepts
Presentation by Déljñę Panel (1 hour)
Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)
Closing prayer

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 *Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks*

9:30 *Opening prayer*
Agenda, key terminology and concepts
Presentations by Sahtú communities (30 min. each)
Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)

- Colville Lake Panel
- Fort Good Hope Panel

Closing prayer

Wednesday, April 27

9:00 *Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks*

9:30 *Opening prayer*
Agenda, key terminology and concepts
Presentations by Sahtú communities (30 min. each)
Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)

- Norman Wells Panel
- Tulít'a Panel

Closing prayer

Thursday, April 28

9:00 *Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks*

9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts

Presentation by NWT Environment & Natural Resources (1 hour)

Parties' Questions/Comments (15 min. each)

Presentations on Indigenous Knowledge and Science Toolkits (Janet Winbourne and Colin Macdonald) (1 hour); Parties' Questions (15 min. each)

Closing prayer

Friday, April 29

9:00 *Community bubble gathering, Party preparations, and technical checks*

9:30 *Opening prayer*

Agenda, key terminology and concepts

Presentations by visiting Parties and the public

Closing remarks by the Panels/Parties

SRRB Closing Comments

Closing prayer

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