



Closure of Record, Order on Confidentiality Motion, Next Steps



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

This notice provides an update on the Déłıne 2021 Virtual ʔelets'ewéhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session – PLS).

Remembering Deborah Simmons

On October 28, 2022, the SRRB lost its long-time Executive Director Deborah (“Deb”) Simmons. Deb was a key member of the SRRB team who dedicated herself to Dene culture, Sahtú communities and wildlife issues. Deb was particularly engaged in developing the SRRB’s approach to community-based conservation planning and its innovative public listening style of decision-making. Deb will be sincerely missed as the SRRB continues its work without her.

Closure of the Record of the PLS

The SRRB is giving notice the record of the Déłıne 2021 PLS will be closed on **January 2, 2023**.

Order on Confidentiality Motion

The SRRB received a motion from Dehlà Got'ı ne (Colville Lake) to protect confidential Traditional Knowledge under the SRRB’s *Rules for Hearings*. The SRRB denied a preliminary request to vary its rules to limit service of the motion, and on August 11, 2022, the SRRB gave notice of the motion and invited submissions from parties on the motion.

On October 31, 2022, pursuant to Rule 12.23 of the SRRB’s *Rules for Hearings*, the SRRB ordered that the confidential Traditional Knowledge be protected and granted confidential treatment. A copy of the SRRB’s procedural order is posted to the registry for the Déłıne 2021 PLS.

Next Steps

The SRRB is working to conclude the Déłıne 2021 PLS hearing report and expects to provide it to the NWT Minister of Environment and Natural Resources in early 2023.

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