

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
7-9 October 2008
Tulita, NT**

7 October 2008

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Bobinski
Gordon Zealand
Camilla Rabisca
Keith Hickling
Rosa Etchinelle

STAFF

Lori Ann Lennie
Nicole Lights
Jody Snortland
Walter Bayha – Special Representative

GUESTS

J.B. Gully – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Daniel Tutcho – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Joey Kochon – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC
Russell Kenny – Deline RRC
Chris Yukon – Deline RRC
Rebecca Sewi – Deline RRC
Greg McDonald – Norman Wells RRC
Laurel McDonald – Norman Wells RRC
Joe Bernarde – Tulita RRC
Kristen Yakeleya – Tulita RRC
Dora Grandjambe – Translator
Lorraine Tremblay – CGA

Alasdair Veitch – ENR, Sahtu Region
Boyan Tracz – ENR, Sahtu Region
Jennie Vandermeer – ENR, Sahtu Region
Ron Doctor – ENR, Sahtu Region
Howard Townsend – SSI
Jonas Peter – Public
Archie Lennie Sr. – Public
Doug Yallee – Public
Brendyn Norn-Lennie – Public
Frederick Andrew – Public
Leon Sewi – Public

1. Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer by Joe Bernarde

2. Call to Order/Introductions

- Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.
- Round table introductions

3. Review of Agenda

SRRB Motion #10-07-08-01

- To accept the agenda as presented

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

4. Swear in New Members

- Patrick Bobinski and Gordon Zealand sworn in by Cst. Jesse Gilbert

5. Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts of interest were declared

6. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- 5-7 February 2008 Board Meeting minutes tabled
- All minutes are public and posted to the website

- Business Arising from Minutes
 - Fort Good Hope RRC letter, dated 4 September 2008, tabled
 - SRRB supports collaring b/c require the best available information to make management decisions; conservation of herds is first priority; ENR indicates that no community support, no collaring or surveying will be completed; how to proceed?
 - Defer discussion until arrival of Fort Good Hope RRC delegates

SRRB Motion #10-07-08-02

- To accept the 5-7 February 2008 minutes as presented

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

7. Review and Acceptance of Finances

- **2007-2008 Audited Financial Statement, Lorraine Tremblay**
 - 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statement tabled
 - Healthy cash balance; reclassified Deferred Revenue to WSF Equity; overall loss of \$114, 284 due mainly to WSF earnings which have been low over the past few years (only earned 3% last year)
 - Recommendation – for research funding, approve no more than what WSF made in the previous year

SRRB Motion #10-07-08-03

- To accept the 2007-2008 audited financial statement as presented

Moved by: Gordon Zealand

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

- 26 September 2008 financial statement tabled

SRRB Motion #10-07-08-04

- To accept the 26 September 2008 financial statement as presented

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca

Carried Unanimously

8. Chair Update – Walter Bayha

- Handout, entitled “*SRRB Chair Update – October 7, 2008*”, tabled

9. Executive Director Update – Jody Snortland

- Handouts, entitled “*2007-2008 SRRB Annual Report*” & “*Taking Care of the Land Report & Newsletter*” and letter from NWT Board Forum, dated 24 September 2008, tabled
- Defer item (d) until Deborah Simmons’ arrival

10. Staff Updates

- Office Manager – Lori Ann Lennie
 - Continues to maintain all administrative and financial functions for the office

- Environmental Assessment Specialist – Nicole Lights (Contract Employee)
 - Report, entitled “*Environmental Assessment Specialist Update, January 31, 2008*”, tabled
 - Selwyn Resources – proposed road will be in the NWT; Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project will see impacts due to both the construction of the road and the subsequent activity on the road

11. RRC Updates

- Deline RRC – Russell Kenny, President
 - Request to work together to bring forward concerns to the SRRB; monitors required for Great Bear River and Keith Arm but little monies available; contract with DFO to conduct research on Great Bear Lake; working to implement improvements for fuel transfers on/near Great Bear Lake
- Norman Wells RRC – Laurel McDonald, Member
 - Student exchange in April 2008 with students from Paris, ON; attendance at the Inuvik Petroleum Show, June 2008, and Fort Good Hope Water Conference, September 2008; wildlife monitors hired for Akita program at Bear Island; cabin damage due to high water on Mackenzie River – provided assistance
- Tulita RRC – Rosa Etchinelle, Office Manager
 - Handout, entitled “*Wildlife Monitoring Course Update*”, tabled
 - Monitoring course held, February 2008, for six community members; hired to work with Husky oil; contract work with Eagle Plains, DFO and ENR; Keele River monitoring difficult due to low funding; attendance at the Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan Workshop
- Concerns raised about fuel spills – who responsible, who monitoring, no reporting back to communities; key is to contact NWT Spill Line, follow-up and document everything

12. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Jennie Vandermeer & Alasdair Veitch

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*NWT Protected Areas Strategy Update – October 2008*” and “*Barren-ground Caribou Research Update – October 2008*”, tabled
- Following federal election, Parks Canada and Deline will announce the National Historic Sites designation for Sahoyúé & ?ehdacho; PAS works closely with the SLUPB to ensure that conservation area boundaries match
- Classification surveys are the best to determine future herd trends; excellent over-winter survival of calves for both the Bluenose-East & West herds
- Declines occur due to: climate change (snow patterns, icing events), fire, increased access, parasites, industrial development, high number of predators, changes to caribou cycle; what can we do? Change access, protect calving grounds, change harvesting patterns (reduce harvest, bulls only)

Meeting recessed @ 4:52 p.m.

**** RRC Caucus** – discussions about items common to each community and meet with ENR

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Susan Fleck – ENR, HQ
Amanda Joynt – DFO, Inuvik
Nicola Johnson – DFO, Yellowknife

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Deborah Simmons – SENES
Howard Townsend – SSI
Rick Walburne – SLWB
Boniface Ayah – Public
David Etchinelle Sr. – Public
Archie Lennie Sr. – Public
Michael Etchinelle – Public
Maurice Mendo – Public
Frederick Andrew – Public
Bruce Hanna – DFO, Yellowknife
Deanna Leonard – DFO, Hay River
Joseph Macleod – DFO, Yellowknife
James Boraski – DFO, Yellowknife

Meeting reconvened @ 9:10 a.m.

13. Important Wildlife Areas Mapping, Joanna Wilson (ENR)

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Important Wildlife Areas Project*”, tabled
- Mapping is re-done every ten years

** Paul Latour joined meeting via conference call – 9:35 to 10:00 a.m.

14. Agency Update – Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), Paul Latour

- Handout, entitled “*Implementing the Protected Areas Strategy: Co-operation with Regional Boards*”, tabled
- CWS sponsoring Ts’ude’hililine-Tuyetah; requested to sponsor Shúhtagot’ine Néné
- SRRB was not contacted for approval of Sahoyúé & ?ehdacho

ACTION (ED): To write letter to Parks Canada re: SRRB responsibilities as set out by the Sahtu Land Claim Agreement

15. Agency Update – Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Boyan Tracz & Keith Hickling

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Boreal Woodland Caribou in the Sahtu – October 2008*” and “*Ecology of the Muskox Below Treeline in the Sahtu – October 2008*”, tabled
- Four of six muskox collars are off (3 deployed prematurely and 1 torn off during rut); collaring in January 2009 using darts; muskox rut in August and calve in April/May; request ENR host a muskox handling workshop (skinning/butchering)
- Boreal Woodland Caribou – 26 yearling calves/100 cows in recruitment survey; 67 calves/100 cows in calving survey; calve in May/June in solitary places

- Plans to staff RRO (Deline & Norman Wells) and Forest Officer positions in 2009; Leroy Andre in NRT Program in Ft. Smith, Deline RRO Trainee; Wildlife Guardian program in Deline and Colville Lake; RROs to regularly attend RRC meetings; one charge for violating 12 hour down time in the Mackenzie Mountains; slow fire season (16 fires – 7 lightning, 7 coal seams, 2 man made); Fire Smart Program – help cabin owners clean up and protect cabins ; fur prices stable - \$65 for prime, well handled marten pelt

16. NWT Species at Risk Legislation, Susan Fleck (ENR)

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Proposed Species at Risk Act for the NWT – September 2008*” and booklet, entitled “*Species at Risk in the Northwest Territories, 2008 Edition*”, tabled
- Schedule 1 of Federal SARA – flora & fauna already protected nationally; COSEWIC list – flora & fauna to be added to schedule 1 (SRRB must be consulted)

17. Staff Update

- Renewable Resources Communication Officer – Glen Guthrie
 - PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Renewable Resource Communications Officer Update*” and handouts, entitled “*September 2008 Newsletter*” & “*Bosworth Creek Monitoring Project*”, tabled
 - Junior Harvesters Skills Competition – regional competition to showcase skills learned during the traditional economy (take-a-kid trapping) programs, Spring 2009

18. RRC Update

- Fort Good Hope RRC – Harry Harris, Member
 - Provide on-the-land assistance in the spring/fall to preserve culture; monies generated through oil & gas work; provide meat to the community
- Behdzi Ahda’ RRC – John B. Gully, Member
 - Concerns about changes to wildlife; know that declines and changes are due to development (noise, pollution); encourage to harvest only what is needed and to prevent unnecessary wounding

19. Agency Update – Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO), Deanna Leonard

- PowerPoint Presentations, entitled “*Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Western Arctic Area – South, SRRB Update*”, tabled
- 2007 – 7982 lake trout caught and 7612 released; positive trend for Catch per Unit Effort; future work to include Canadian Aquatic Bio-monitoring Network (CABIN) training; Amanda Joynt, Inuvik, responsible for Sahtu file

20. Agency Update – Sahtu Land & Water Board (SLWB), Rick Walburne

- SLWB information package tabled
- Online registry being developed; wildlife monitors do not have the authority to shut a program down; field modifications can be made by Land Use Inspector to permit/licence terms and conditions; Annual Technical Training Workshop, 13-14 November 2008 in Tulita, NT

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21. Agency Update – Sahtu Secretariat Inc. (SSI), Howard Townsend

- Reviewing proposed guidelines and federal & territorial regulations; ongoing development of a land registry, which will give a complete picture of what is happening on Sahtu lands; provide reporting assistance to RRCs and technical advice to land corporations
- Propose to develop logging proposals/forest management plans/community use planning through First Nations Forestry Program, which will guide forest operations for long periods of time; SRRB required to sanction plans
- Aboriginal Forest Land Management Guidelines: A Community Approach, Peggy Smith et al, June 1995

22. Caribou Traditional Knowledge Study, Deborah Simmons

- PowerPoint Presentation, entitled “*Communities and Caribou in the Sahtu – Traditional Knowledge Program*”, tabled
- Request for support letters for three graduate students, Bijaya Pokharel (Strengthening RRCs), Sarah Gordon (Using Oral Stories), and Ingeborg Fink (linguist – Dene Language) re: caribou TK work and strengthening RRCs
- Concern raised that the TK project is not being fully utilized by the SRRB and RRCs; role of TK researchers is to bridge the two cultures and languages

23. Fort Good Hope RRC & Behdzi Ahda’ First Nation Letters

- Behdzi Ahda’ First Nation letter, dated 3 October 2008, tabled
- Fort Good Hope RRC reps have not seen letter; concern that RRCs are not consulting with entire community, just board members; not reporting back to community after attendance at meetings and workshops

- Youth noted that it is important to know why the caribou are declining and should support collars if that gets the required information

24. RRC Caucus Recommendations

- Request to hold 3-4 meetings per year for RRCs to meet and discuss common concerns; 2 reps per community
- RRCs require assistance to update by-laws

** Paul Latour joined meeting via conference call – 2:30 p.m.

25. In-Camera Session

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-05

- To go in camera

Moved by: Keith Hickling
Seconded by: Gordon Zealand
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-06

- To come out of camera

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski
Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-07

- To affirm the SRRB's earlier positions with respect to wildlife put forth through caribou hearing and previous support of caribou research

Moved by: Keith Hickling
Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-08

- To support Bijaya Pokharel, Sarah Gordon & Ingeborg Fink's graduate work related to the Caribou Traditional Knowledge Study

Moved by: Paul Latour
Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-09

- To support the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Working Committee (NNPRWC), Sahtu Dene & Métis, and Parks Canada initiative to create a Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve

Moved by: Rosa Etchinelle
Seconded by: Camilla Rabisca
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-10

- To support Tiarella Hanna & Roger MacMillan's graduate work and to allow continued access to the Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study data

Moved by: Gordon Zealand

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-11

- To extend Jody Snortland's contract as Executive Director until December 31, 2009

Moved by: Keith Hickling

Seconded by: Rosa Etchinelle

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-12

- To accept the wage scale as presented with merit provisions to be determined after Step 6

Moved by: Paul Latour

Seconded by: Gordon Zealand

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (ED): To request additional information from Dan Wong re: scholarship application

ACTION (ED): To write letter to INAC re: Sahtu Office attendance at SRRB meetings

26. Next Board Meeting

- February 2008, Norman Wells

27. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #10-09-08-13

- To adjourn meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by: Patrick Bobinski