

Board Teleconference Minutes



Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 1:10-3:30 pm
Minutes by Joe Hanlon and Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
INAC	Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
NWMB	Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
SRRB/Board	ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ ᑕᕐᕈᕐ ᑕᕐᕈᕐ ᑕᕐᕈᕐ ᑕᕐᕈᕐ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
WRRB	Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
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List of Attendees

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Jeff Walker, Paul Latour, George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca

Special Advisors

Frederick Andrew, Keith Hickling

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon

Guests

Lorraine Land

Regrets

Pat Bobinski, Leon Andrew, Leonard Kenny

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer, Agenda, and Quorum Check

Wildlife Management

2. Bluenose East ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ Hearing
 - Direction for reporting
 - Report review meeting schedule
 - Decision-making and quorum
 - Nunavut Wildlife Management Board hearing issues and possible SRRB submission

Administration (deferred from previous meeting)

3. Follow-up on Lesley Allen's resignation
4. Wildlife Studies Fund
5. Meeting minutes update
6. Financial audit update
7. Date of next meeting

1. Opening Prayer, Agenda, and Quorum Check (1:10 PM)

Opening prayer by Frederick Andrew

2. Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing

Presentation by Lorraine Land and Deborah Simmons

- Briefing on option to extend timeline for final report to allow for legal responsibility to provide bereavement leave for Deborah Simmons; the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board pushed back their final report by 1.5 weeks, and has split their report into two phases – first related to determination on Total Allowable Harvest, and the second for all other issues.
- Overview of final submissions by Parties and proponents (ENR and Délıne)
- NWMB Hearing: submission by Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organisation, referring to the Délıne ʔekwé conservation plan as a community-driven approach that they wish to adopt
- Communications: there is a need need for communications assistance related to issuance of SRRB hearing final report; Joanne Stassen who worked with us prior to and during the Délıne hearing is no longer available (returning to work at CBC North Radio); recommendation to hire someone else who is independent and knowledgeable about the issues

Discussion topics

- Teleconference or in-person meeting to review draft final report

Paul Latour joined the meeting at 1:50 pm

- How SRRB and WRRB decisions can be reconciled if there are differences, or whether this is a concern
- Approach for a submission to the NWMB, given that the deadline for submissions is past, and the SRRB is constrained in commenting since we are still in the midst of our own hearing process
- The need for all Board members to participate in reviewing final report to ensure strong consensus, noting that we have one less Board member following Lesley Allen's resignation (as alternate for Lesley, Pat Bobinski could assist the Board in developing consensus, but would not be able to vote since he was not a participant in the earlier phases of the hearing proceeding)
- The final report would be relatively short and pithy, but including quotes from participants; quotes can be used since the proceedings are on the public record
- Though it is not possible to do a full retranslation of Dene language contributions within our budget and timeline, we can do checks on interpretation of key quotes for Dene language speakers

Decision 2017-002

D2017-002	Staff and legal counsel will prepare a letter to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board regarding their Bluenose East Ɂekwé Hearing.	Consensus
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Motion 2017-004

M2017-004	A specialist will be contracted to assist with communication related to the Ɂehdzo Got'Inę Gotsé Nákedı final report on the Bluenose East Ɂekwé hearing, for a maximum cost of \$5,000. Paul Latour/George Barnaby	Consensus
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Motion 2017-005

M2017-005	The timeline for completion of the Ɂehdzo Got'Inę Gotsé Nákedı final report on the Bluenose East Ɂekwé hearing changed to July, following an in-person Board meeting. George Barnaby/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
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Lorraine Land left the teleconference

3. Follow-up on Lesley's resignation

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Review of Lesley Allen's May 2 letter of resignation, commenting that she finds the SRRB's "processes and practices ineffective and inefficient, and there is little interest in making changes." Is there a need for any follow-up, or discussion of lessons learned? This is a signal to staff about the importance of continuing to try to do better. The honoraria are relatively small and won't increase for some time; nevertheless we need find ways to make this Board a place where people want to participate because it is rewarding and meaningful, not just a drain on energy.

Discussion topics

- The letter will be distributed to all Board members
- On the bright side, INAC Implementation Branch has informed us that they have flagged our supplemental submission as a priority, so we seem to be in good standing with them
- Lesley took on a major burden of reading, participating in the Executive Committee, and participating in SRRB activities
- The hearing was very stressful and may have taken a toll
- The staff sent a card and a beaded bag as thanks on behalf of the SRRB

4. Wildlife Studies Fund

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Overview of proposed budget: Unspent from 2015-2016 was \$239,915; Wildlife Studies Fund investment revenue from 2015 was less than usual at only \$81,073, for a total possible budget of \$320,988. Priority over the coming year to work with CIBC Global investment managers to ensure that investment revenue is maximized. Recommend continuing funding for ongoing projects, and adding three items that have not previously been funded, as follows:

- Sahtú library project
- Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Forum – researcher travel
- Tulít'a Mountain Caribou book completion

Discussion topics

- Noted that the budget currently is over by \$10,000; recommend revising the budget to reduce the Community Mapping Initiative budget to achieve the balance
- The Community Mapping Initiative budget has not been used in part because we have been successful in leveraging the SRRB contribution for project funding; reminder that any expenditures from this budget must be based on project proposals reviewed and approved by the Board
- Any potential duplication of projects with ENR? none identified
- ENR projects being proposed to date include grizzly bear population genetics, Northern Mountain caribou management issues, collaboration with Tulít'a to develop muskox research proposal; Heather Sayine-Crawford has been very helpful in keeping us informed

Motion 2017-006

M2017-006	Wildlife Studies Fund budget approved as amended. Paul Latour/George Barnaby.	Consensus
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5. Meeting Minutes Update

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Staff are still catching up on minutes; this has been difficult due to Deborah's extended leave. Per the January decision, the Executive Committee will review in detail and make a recommendation, with a Board decision between meetings; staff will contact Board members who prefer to orally review the minutes.

6. Financial Audit Update

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Due to Deborah's leave, the financial audit has been moved to July; this will be coordinated with the planned SRRB in-person meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date

In-person meeting scheduled for July 5-7, 2016.

Motion 2017-007

M2017-007	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. George Barnaby.	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 29, 2016.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
D2017-002	Staff and legal counsel will prepare a letter to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board regarding their Bluenose East ʔekwé Hearing.	Consensus

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M2017-006	Wildlife Studies Fund budget approved as amended. Paul Latour/George Barnaby.	Consensus
M2017-007	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. George Barnaby.	Consensus