



Teleconference Meeting Minutes

October 09, 2015, 1:10 pm-4:00 pm
Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
BNE	Bluenose East caribou herd
BNW	Bluenose West caribou herd
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
GRRB	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
IGC	Inuvialuit Game Council
ᐱehdzo Got'Inę	Renewable Resources Council(s)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
SRRB	ᐱehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı - Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
WMAC (NWT)	Wildlife Management Advisory Committee (NWT)
WRRB	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board

List of Attendees

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), George Barnaby, Paul Latour, Jeff Walker, Leonard Kenny (partial)

Special Advisor

Leon Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director), Joe Hanlon (in and out)

Guests

Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP)
Jennifer Duncan, legal counsel for Colville Lake
David Codzi, President, Ayoni Kih Land Corporation
Donna Bigelow, Canadian Wildlife Service

Regrets

Keith Hickling, Lesley Allen

Meeting Agenda

- Colville Lake delegation – Wildlife Studies proposal
- Presentation of barren-ground caribou census results (Heather Sayine-Crawford, Sahtú ENR)
- Next steps for Bluenose West caribou and Bluenose East caribou management
- Update on collaborative Bluenose East hearing negotiations with WRRB
- Walk through Caribou Hearing Resource Binder (Lorraine)
- Agenda for in-person meeting
- Species At Risk update (Donna Bigelow)
- FYI: pdf Waterfowl Management update and pdf ENR offer - Wildlife Act compliance presentation
- Federal election – planning to vote
- Minutes of document August 19 and document September 15 meetings

Introductions, quorum check, opening prayer

Opening prayer by Michael Neyelle

1. Colville Lake Presentation – proposal concept for Wildlife Studies Research Fund

Presentation by David Codzi with Jennifer Duncan

- Want to try to work together more closely with ENR.
- We have our own traditional knowledge, and we've been keeping it to ourselves – we need to document so we can bring our knowledge together with science.
- We want to contribute to monitoring visiting harvesters to ensure that there's respect and responsibility.
- Colville met with Deborah Simmons yesterday to discuss a possible proposal for the Wildlife Studies Fund. The intention is to have a proposal ready for discussion.
- We would like to work with a biologist to translate traditional knowledge in a western science context.
- We'd like to work with the Board to focus and develop our research question, and plan to submit a proposal at the October 20-23 Board meeting.
- There is also an interest in developing a proposal collaboratively with ENR for CIMP funding related to approaches to barren-ground caribou monitoring.

Leonard Kenny joined the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Discussion

- Joe noted that there are inexpensive tools available for any kind of monitoring. For example, we're working on a pilot project for snow track monitoring. We'll be getting inexpensive tablets for documenting information.
- David Codzi noted that there were four people from Colville at the same Google Earth workshop in Ontario this summer, and they've been starting to document things around the community.
- Over the coming week the SRRB and Colville will discuss proposals as well as plans for Harvest Study and mapping workshops in Colville.

Jennifer Duncan and David Codzi left the meeting at about 1:45 pm.

2. Preliminary Barren-ground Caribou Census Results

Presentation by Heather Sayine-Crawford

- Heather prefaced the presentation noting that she is interested to receive input from the Board on approaches to monitoring.
- Overview of key census results (slide presentation) – additional details will be provided at the SRRB’s in-person meeting.

1. Next steps for Bluenose West caribou and Bluenose East caribou management

Presentations by Deborah Simmons Lorraine Land

- Deborah Simmons provided an update on discussions with other parties related to caribou management issues, including the Wildlife Act Section 15 meeting on October 13-14; planning for meetings with WMAC/IGC and the GRRB regarding BNW; planning for the collaborative hearings with the WRRB; and discussions with the SSI.
- The SSI has formed a Caribou Strategic Committee including Ethel Blondin-Andrew
- Decision point: Should the SRRB invite WMAC and/or the GRRB to work with us on a collaborative hearing process?
- Decision point: The Board may wish to discuss whether interim measures should be recommended to ENR pending Board decisions following the hearing process.

Decision D2016-030

D2016-030	Add to the agenda of the SRRB in-person meeting on October 20-23 a discussion of interim caribou management measures to recommend to ENR pending hearings and Board decisions.	Consensus
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Leonard Kenny left the meeting at about 2:30 pm

Decision D2016-031

D2016-031	That WMAC and GRRB be invited to consider a collaborative hearing process with the SRRB.	Consensus
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3. Update on collaborative Bluenose East hearing negotiations with Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board

Presentation by Lorraine Land

- Lorraine provided an overview of the process by which the SRRB and WRRB has developed the draft Memorandum of Understanding. Lorraine reviewed models using examples provided by the WRRB, and provided the first draft for discussion by the parties at our teleconference on October 8.
- The October 8 meeting included the Chair, Executive Directors and legal counsel. At that meeting, there were a number of suggestions made by the WRRB to amend the draft that were agreed to in principle by the SRRB representatives. The amended version was shared with the Board by email.

Motion M2016-018

M2016-018	Paul Latour/George Barnaby. Approve in principle the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), pending any revisions recommended by the WRRB; the SRRB team will make a determination whether revisions should be considered as friendly amendments or need to be referred back to the Board.	Consensus
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4. Agenda for the SRRB's In-Person Meeting, Norman Wells, October 20-23

Presentation by Deborah Simmons and Lorraine Land

- The intention is to minimize any regular SRRB agenda items so that it will be possible to focus on the main item, the Caribou Hearings workshop led by Lorraine.
- Non-hearing agenda items include:
 - Wildlife Studies Fund proposal by Colville Lake
 - Wildlife Act Compliance workshop by Jamie Chambers, 40 minutes on October 21 afternoon
 - Meeting with Norman Wells RRC
 - Presentation about barren-ground caribou census results by Heather Sayine-Crawford
- Lorraine provided an overview of the draft Caribou Hearing Workshop agenda, including some customized materials from the NWT Board Forum's Hearing Workshop.
- Paul: It's likely that the SRRB did not undertake a review/assessment of the 2007 hearing; we are now
- Decision point: Whether Colville Lake should be invited to participate in a portion of the Hearing Workshop.

Decision D2016-032

D2016-032	Colville Lake will be invited to a portion of the Caribou Hearing Workshop as appropriate. The agenda will be shaped to facilitate this.	Consensus
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Lorraine Land left the meeting at about 3:30 pm. Donna Bigelow joined the meeting.

5. Federal Species At Risk Act

Presentation by Donna Bigelow

COSEWIC Species Assessments and Pre-listing Consultations

- In November 2014 and May 2015, COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) assessed several species. The following assessed terrestrial species (see Appendix 1 for Reason for Designation) are found within your area:
- Caribou, boreal population – Threatened – Re-assessment - No change (Nov 2014)
- Red-necked Phalarope - Special Concern – New assessment (Nov 2014)
- Yellow-Banded Bumble Bee – Special Concern – New assessment (May 2014)

Consultations will be done for Red-necked Phalarope and Yellow-Banded Bumble Bee only as the boreal caribou was a re-assessment and confirmed its previous status so no consultation is required.

Little Brown Myotis Recovery Strategy

- The Little Brown Myotis is a mammal that was emergency-listed as Endangered under the federal Species at Risk Act in November 2014; therefore, the recovery strategy will be due in November 2015. SRRB provided comments on an early draft of the recovery strategy on June 12, 2015.
- Overview of key components of the recovery plan.
- Deb summarized Board activities to date through the Remember the Promise book to document the Dene names of species (a new one was made up for bats since people aren't familiar with them; setting up a bat sensor and bat houses, which are being monitored by ENR's Stephanie Behrens; and school presentations by Catarina Owen.
- Decision point: Input on the draft Recovery Strategy and support to post.

Management Plans

- Update that Rusty Blackbird and Peregrin Falcon management plans are both in final phases.

Motion M2016-019

M2016-019	Paul Latour/George Barnaby. Approve Environment Canada's Recovery Strategy for Little Brown Myotis (<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>), Northern Myotis (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and Tri-coloured Bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>) in Canada, and supports the posting of the recovery document on the Species at Risk Registry for the day comment period under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA).	Consensus
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6. FYI: Waterfowl

- Paul requested that we ask Myra Robinson more information about the snow goose harvest over the past season.

7. Tablet Computers for Board Members and Special Advisors

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Board members have been expressing an interest in user-friendly tablet computers that can help them to more easily access SRRB materials and correspondence.
- Tablet computers can be inexpensive, so might be an affordable solution.
- Individuals who could benefit from tablet computers: Leon, Patrick, Camilla, Michael, George.

8. Minutes of previous meetings

Motion M2016-020

M2016-020	Paul Latour/Jeff Walker. Approve the minutes of document August 19 and document September 15 meetings.	Consensus
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Motion M2016-021

M2016-021	Paul Latour. Adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 29, 2016.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

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M2016-021	Paul Latour. Adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.	Consensus

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D2016-032	Colville Lake will be invited to a portion of the Caribou Hearing Workshop as appropriate. The agenda will be shaped to facilitate this.	Consensus