

# Board Teleconference Minutes



Friday, January 8, 2016, 1:00 pm-4:15 pm  
Minutes by Joe Hanlon and Deborah Simmons

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

BNE	Bluenose East ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ
BNW	Bluenose West ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
INAC	Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
SRRB/Board	ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Renewable Resources Council - RRC
ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Barren-ground Caribou

## List of Attendees

### Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Paul Latour, Lesley Allen, Camilla Rabisca, Jeffrey Walker, George Barnaby, Keith Hickling, Leonard Kenny

### Special Advisors

Frederick Andrew, Leon Andrew

### Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon

### Guests

Lorraine Land (Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP)

## Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer and Review of Agenda
2. Review Revised Draft Hearing Rules
3. Decision Between Meetings
4. Bluenose East ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ Hearing Determination
5. Review of Hearing Workplan
6. Review of Déᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ Plan
7. Update on K'asho ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ Processes

## 1. Opening Prayer and Review of Agenda (1:00 PM)

*Opening prayer by George Barnaby*

## 2. Decision Between Meetings

### Wildlife Studies Fund Budget

*Per November 12 email briefing by Deborah Simmons to the Board*

- We had allocated \$30K from last year's Wildlife Studies Fund to this project, and in the earlier approved version of the budget neglected to request that this be rolled over to the current fiscal year so that the TK Working Group (Allice Legat, Leon Andrew, Dora Grandjambe and Jane Modeste) can complete their work.
- The Willow Lake Duck Banding project is complete, and was \$2K over budget as invoiced by the Tulít'a RRC for two field assistants.
- No funds are required to complete the Monitoring Framework project – the draft report for this project is expected this month.
- The Community Mapping Initiative (CMI) budget is reduced by around \$30K. Here are a few notable updates on this project:
  - Heidi Brown is currently visiting Délı̄ne, Tulít'a and Norman Wells to present some of the existing data (including Dene Mapping Project) and discuss community proposals related to the initiative. She hopes to be able to coordinate a future visit in Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake (ideally once Daniel Ts'eleie has moved to the Sahtú and can help with follow-up in those communities).
  - We have just been notified that we were successful in our application to the Full Circle Foundation (Tides Canada) for an additional year of funding to support the Community Mapping Initiative. This brings that total amount received for this project from the Foundation to \$80,000.

### Decision 2016-038

D2016-038	Revised Wildlife Studies Fund budget approved, reallocating \$30,000 from Community Mapping Initiative to Traditional Knowledge Guidelines project.	Consensus by phone and email as of November 19, 2015.
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## 3. Review Revised Draft Hearing Rules

*Presentation by Lorraine Land*

### Discussion topics

- Role of the chair, and need for chair preparation
- Possibility for a hearing process to be in-camera when confidential information is being shared
- Rules respecting media presence
- Multiple roles of Board members and potential conflict of interest
- "Mixed language" approach for communication materials, using some Dene terms, but not fully bilingual as in an official languages approach

- Plain language communications

#### Motion 2016-023

M2016-023	Approve hearing rules for distribution and review by other parties. Lesley/Leonard.	Consensus
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## 4. Bluenose East Ɂekwé Hearing Determination

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

### Discussion topics

- Criteria for determining whether there should be a hearing; seven questions to be used to assess
- Limit on harvest is being proposed by both parties
- Requirement to assess how any harvest limits were established and allocated

#### Motion 2016-024

M2016-024	The NWT Environment and Natural Resources and Délı̄ne Bluenose East management proposals contain enough information to call a public hearing. George Barnaby/Paul Latour.	Consensus
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## 5. Review of Hearing Workplan

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

### Discussion topics

- Supplemental funding proposal to INAC
- Steps already completed
- Public registry and letter to call hearing

## 6. Review of Délı̄ne Plan

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

### Discussion topics

- The first meeting of ENR, the SRRB and the Délı̄ne Ɂehdzo Got'ı̄ne has been held to discuss harvest numbers, and consensus on the numbers was reached; this has been confirmed via email by Leeroy Andre
- Other observations about the status and behaviour of the Ɂekwé population were shared, related to unusual mixing of males and females (which affected the number of females harvested), and the fact that the caribou were fat for the time of year (which may indicate that some did not travel all the way to the calving ground this year)

- A decision was made by Déljñę that the harvest threshold of 100 in their conservation plan has been reached to hold a public meeting and discuss shutting down the harvest
- The health sampling program was not successful to date this year – training needs

## 7. Update on K’asho Got’ine ʔekwé Processes

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

### Discussion topics

- Would it be necessary to hold a hearing if an existing Total Allowable Harvest were to be removed?
- Community-driven conservation planning as an alternative to a hearing
- Cross-regional requirements for data sharing

*Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM*

### Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 29, 2016.




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Michael Neyelle, Chair

### Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
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### Summary of Motions

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