

Board Teleconference Minutes



August 9, 2017

Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ʔehdzo Got'ine	Renewable Resources Council
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
NWT	Northwest Territories
SRRB/Board	ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)

Participants

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Keith Hickling, George Barnaby, Camilla Rabisca, Jeffery Walker

Special Advisors

Gordon Yakeleya, Frederick Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons

Visiting Guests

Colin Macdonald, Northern Environmental

Regrets

Jeff Walker, Jimmy Dillon, Paul Latour, Leon Andrew

Agenda

- Prayer, roll call and quorum check
- Tribute to Pat Bobinski
- Quorum check and review of agenda
- Shúhta Gozépé Planning Workshop debrief
- “Big Guy” (grizzly bear) research update
- Workplan and Budget for 2017-2027
- Minutes of July 3-7 in-person meeting and July 24 teleconference
- Update on other SRRB Projects (project list)

Opening

- Quorum check – 3/5 voting members.
- Recognize that SRRB staff are heroically working in very hot conditions at the office this summer; we are hoping to set up a cooling system for next summer.

Opening prayer by Michael Neyelle.

Meeting called to order at approximately 1:25 pm.

Tribute to Pat Bobinski

Round table reflecting on Pat's recent death

- Pat was a person who was supportive and respectful in providing guidance. He made a significant contribution to the Board. We will all miss him and think of him in our prayers.
- He was a good listener and provided helpful input to the Board.
- At one meeting, he said that if we want youth to be involved, we have to make them feel wanted. He was very supportive of youth.
- Pat really had a heart, and he really wanted to help people. He did that in a way to ensure that people had opportunities to be comfortable and safe in using guns.
- Pat was supportive of the new approach being defined by the Board at its July strategic planning session, in particular the focus on building youth leadership and working collaboratively with ʔehdzo Got'ıneę (he seconded the motion to invite ʔehdzo Got'ıneę Presidents or designates to serve as Special Advisors to the board).

Facebook post in tribute to Pat Bobinski

August 5, 2017

<https://www.facebook.com/SahtuWildlife/photos/a.450444171641462.106475.449451251740754/1659861767366357/?type=3&theater>

With great sadness we pay tribute to Pat Bobinski on the occasion of his sudden death last week at the age of 77. Himself a passionate hunter, fisher, trapper, outfitter and general outdoorsman, Pat was known as a strong promoter of indigenous youth training in outdoor sports and hunting. Pat was always so busy with bush life, coaching, and justice of the peace work (until he was forced to retire at the age of 75) that it was hard to keep track of him - and he didn't plan to slow down any time soon. As he put it in an interview with News/North in 2010, "The minute you start to slow down physically, psychologically you're going to start to slow down also. I really believe in a healthy body, healthy mind."

Appointed as a member of the ʔehdzo Got'ıneę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) in 2008 and reappointed in 2014, he became most active recently with the Board's increasing focus on youth-centred land guardian training.

Pat drove solo all the way from Hay River to Dəooha (Bennett Field) for the February 2017 Dene Ts'ı́lı́ School to teach a firearms safety course, and happily camped with the younger men in a wall tent during his week there (and 40 below weather). He quickly established his expectation that the students would achieve high standards in the course. As a result, almost everyone passed the course and expressed great pride in their accomplishments. We learned a lot from Pat that has inspired our approach to programming for the second Dene Ts'ı́lı́ School this fall (August 26-September 10).

Pat was planning to expand his offerings this fall to include shooting skills training with air guns – before rushing off to coach for a national biathlon competition.

Here's hoping that our upcoming and future school programs will live up to his ambitions for training new generations of healthy and skilled indigenous youth land guardians.

Check out the CBC article in Pat's honour at <http://www.cbc.ca/1.4231074>.

Shúhta Goʒepé Planning Workshop Debrief

Presentation by Frederick Andrew, Michael Neyelle, and Deborah Simmons

- This is the third major meeting to discuss shúhta goʒepé conservation since 2014.
- The Australian facilitator of the workshop, Stuart Cowell was very helpful in guiding us through the planning process; he was also helping to train a leadership in conservation planning.
- Máhsi to the government people, the young people, Rhea McDonald from the Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council, and the Ross River Dena participants. It was impressive how dedicated everyone was at the camp.
- Note that the Canol cleanup is underway; also notable is that Ross River Dena Council is a co-owner of Dechenla Lodge.
- A key issue is damage to the landscape by All-Terrain Vehicles; one option is to make the area a “traditional hunting area.”
- Key highlights from the workshop included contributions from the Youth Caucus and development of a leadership team; we also had positive contributions from Norman Wells, Ross River.
- Options for taking immediate measures.
- Next steps in the collaborative planning process, toward approval by the SRRB.

“Big Guy” (Grizzly Bear) Research Update

- Unfortunately project lead Robert Mulders (ENR) did not make it to the Shúhta Goʒepé workshop due to miscommunication.
- An impromptu meeting of available people took place following the workshop at Mile 222 on August 2. Key points:
 - Ross River Dena have not been consulted about the research approach; a learning from this is that it may be appropriate for the Tulít'a ʔehdzo Got'ı́ne to consider an agreement to coordinate with Ross River Dena and request that

- they be included as a referral body on research license and permit applications in the area of overlapping interest in the Mackenzie Mountains.
- Tulit'a ʔehdzo Got'ine have requested that a traditional knowledge study be conducted in conjunction with the scientific study. Note that the big guy should not be discussed in the winter.
- Concerns have been expressed by Dechenla Lodge and at least one outfitter about the locations of some baited posts and the bait storage container, which may be a danger to people in the area.
- ENR will be reviewing this pilot year of the project in terms of cost and results.

Workplan and Budget for 2017-2027

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- The workplan includes the vision, approach and principles outlined by the Board at its July 3-7 strategic planning meeting; otherwise the workplan is generally the same as the one already approved by the Board for 2017-2018 – just at a higher level for the ten year scope.
- The budget is expanded to account for the new ten year allocation and includes two additional professional staff, an On the Land Coordinator and Community Conservation Planner, as well as a buddy system for professional staff to work with community interns.
- ʔehdzo Got'ine have been allocated double their funding, and the Board staff will focus on providing capacity support.
- Although the SRRB's Core funding does not allow for direct participation by ʔehdzo Got'ine and communities, the Board is now able to show through its audited financial statement that project and supplemental funding is being used along with professional funding expenditures to demonstrate that the Board is benefitting from a balance of community and science-based inputs.

Motion 2018-009

M2018-009	Approve the ten year Workplan and Budget for submission to Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development. Keith Hickling/George Barnaby.	Consensus
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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 2018-010

M2018-010	Approve the minutes of the July 3-7 in-person meeting in Yellowknife. Keith Hickling/George Barnaby.	Consensus
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SRRB Projects Update

List for reference, upon Pat Bobinski's request.

- Note that staff have been busier than usual this summer, with four major SRRB-sponsored on the land programs, including: bird monitoring; shúhta gozepé workshop; Dəho Tracking Change fish camp; and Dene Ts'ı̄ School. The Board appreciates this contribution.
- Intern Jordan Lennie has also been busy, participating in the Canol hike and Dechinta Dəho River Semester.

2018-001 Core Administration

2018-001.03 Core Environmental Assessment

Enbridge Line 21 – *Lorraine Land, Daniel T'seleie, Christine Wenman*

2018-001.04 Conferences – Risk Management Planning conference, Deb, *Walter Bezha, Jessica Dunkin*

2018-001.06 Internships – need to hire two new interns

2018-001.07 Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management

2018-001.07 Legislation – Fisheries Act etc. *Lorraine Land*

2018-001.08 Park Management Plans - Nááts'ı̄hch'oh National Park Reserve

2018-002 Nę K'ə Dene Ts'ı̄ Forum - Michael, Leon, Frederick, Jimmy, Deb, Joe, *Christine Wenman*

2018-003 Species At Risk Committee/Conference of Management Authorities - Leon/Deb, ongoing

2018-004 ENR Wildlife Act Working Group - Leon, *Daniel T'seleie?* next meeting November 2-3

2018-005 ENR Wildlife Act Section 15 meeting - Leon, *Daniel T'seleie?* not yet scheduled

2018-006 Dene Ts'ı̄ School - Michael, Jimmy, Camilla, Deb, and others August 26-September 10

2018-007 NASA Earth to Sky Climate Change Workshop – Leon, Deb, April 19-21

2018-008 ReSDA Tulita Gender Study – Leon, Deb, May 17-19 focus group

2018-009 Mountain Caribou Planning – Michael, Leon, Frederick, Deb, July 26-August 2 Dechenla Workshop

2018-010 Sahtu Library – Deb, *Alana Fletcher*, ongoing

2018-011 WSF-UToronto Knowledge Synthesis – Michael, Deb, *Keren Rice, Faun Rice*, ongoing

2018-012 CIMP Decision Support Tool – Michael, Deb, Jean, *Thom Stubbs*, ongoing

2018-013 Délı̄ne Mapping, Language, Stories – Michael, Deb, *Alina Takazo, Keren Rice, Fibbie Tatti*, ongoing

2018-014 UAlberta Tracking Change – Michael, Leon, Deb, *Brenda Parlee, Chelsea Martin*, Dəoga Fish Camp

2018-015 WSF Willow Lake Duck Banding – Joe

2018-016 WSF Harvest Study Completion – Deb, *Janet Winbourne*

2018-017 WSF Caribou Populations – Michael Neyelle, Frederick Andrew, Leon Andrew, *Jean Polfus*

2018-018 WSF Fish eDNA – *Karen Dunmall*

2018-019 WSF Community Mapping Initiative – Deb, *Amos Hayes, Sonesinh Keoubouasone*

2018-021 WSF Tulıt'a Mountain Caribou Book – Leon, Deb, Jean

2018-022 AFSAR Land Bird Monitoring – Deb, Jordan, *Erin Bayne, Michelle Knaggs, Julia Shonfield*

2018-023 Délı̄ne Song Book – Michael, Deb, *Alina Takazo, Fibbie Tatti, Nicole Beaudry*

2018-024 Fort Norman Metis OTL Culture Camp

2018-025 Scholarships

2018-026 Special Projects

2018-027 Parks Wilderness First Aid Training

2018-028 WilfridLaurierU Northern Water Futures – Joe Hanlon

Next Teleconference

September 15, 1-4 pm

Motion 2018-011

M2018-011	Adjourn the meeting at 3:06 pm. Keith Hickling.	Consensus
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Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Opening: prayer, roll call, quorum check, review of agenda
- Approval of July 24 and August 9 meeting
- On the land program updates
 - Canol Dəho Rivers Semester, Canol hike, Dəho Tracking Change fish camp, Dene Ts'ı́lı School
- Federal Boreal Caribou (T'qdzı) Action Plan
- Community conservation planning update
 - Délıne, Colville, and Shúhta Gozepé updates
 - Barren-ground caribou status assessments (community knowledge)
- Strategic plan update
- Operations Manual revised edition update

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, October 30, 2017.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2018-010	Approve the ten year Workplan and Budget for submission to Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development. Keith Hickling/George Barnaby.	Consensus
M2018-011	Approve the minutes of the July 3-7 in-person meeting in Yellowknife. Keith Hickling/George Barnaby.	Consensus
M2018-012	Adjourn the meeting at 3:06 pm. Keith Hickling.	Consensus