

Board Teleconference Minutes



April 24, 2019, 1 pm

Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ʔedə	barren-ground caribou (K'áhsho Got'ine dialect)
ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedi	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
ʔekwé	Barren-ground caribou (Dél'ine Got'ine dialect)
ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
BNE	Bluenose East barren-ground caribou
CCP	community conservation planning
Dech'ita hé	Forest
Dene ts'ı́ı́	Dene ways of life
Díga hé	Wolves
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
Gorekó hé	Fire
Sahti ʔekwò	Bluenose East barren-ground caribou (Tł'ichò dialect)
SRRB	ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedi (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
SSI	Sahtú Secretariat Inc.
WRRB	Wek'èzh'ı́ Renewable Resources Board

Agenda

- Opening prayer, quorum check, review of agenda
- Quick updates on caribou issues:
 - WRRB Sahti ʔekwò (Bluenose East Caribou) Hearing
 - Dél'ine and Colville ʔedə/ ʔekwé planning discussions
 - SRRB Public Listenings proposal
- Update on efforts to seek sustainable funding for Sahtú community conservation planning framework
- Decisions on motions from April 12, 2019 meeting
- Approve minutes of previous meetings
- Approve Core and Wildlife Studies Fund budget
- Executive Director requests for leave
- Other updates
- Next in-person meeting

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby (Acting Chair), Camilla Rabisca, Jeff Walker

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Catarina Owen

Opening

Prayer by George Barnaby

- Quorum check: 2/3 Board members present.

Quick update on caribou issues

WRRB Sahtì ʔekwò (Bluenose East Caribou) Hearing

Lorraine Land and Deb are meeting to discuss funding for the Public Listenings sessions in the Sahtú region. Déḻṉę is supportive of the idea. Item is on the agenda for the June meeting with Colville Lake.

Déḻṉę and Colville ʔedə/ʔekwé planning discussions

Staff is working closely with ʔehdzo Got'̱ṉę on community conservation planning.

SRRB Public Listenings proposal

- The Public Listenings are proposed to address four topics of great concern in the Sahtú region, per the discussion at the June 12 SRRB meeting.
- Lorraine and Deb have a meeting to discuss funding. Déḻṉę is supportive of the idea. A meeting is planned with Colville Lake on June 3-4 and this is on the agenda.
- Staff will be working closely with ʔehdzo Got'̱ṉę with a community conservation planning approach

Update on efforts to seek sustainable funding for Sahtú community conservation planning framework

- Lorraine is preparing a briefing note that makes the case for core funding for CCP through land claim implementation funds.
- A letter was also submitted to ENR; deadline last week for community conservation planning funding.
- Systemic changes are needed to support this new approach in the Sahtú.
- WRRB asked Déḻṉę at their Public Hearing if it's feasible to scale up the planning to include other communities and regions.

- A regional dimension to community conservation planning is possible to address through some initiatives the Board already has going on, such as the Nę K'ə Dene Ts'ı̄lı̄ Forum.

Decisions on motions from April 12, 2019 meeting

Motion 2020-001

M2020-001	Convene a series of Public Listenings (Hearing events) on ɛdə/ɛkwé (barren-ground caribou) with respect to the following four topics: 1. Náts'ezé (Hunting) or Dene ts'ı̄lı̄ (ways of life); 2. Ecology/changes; 3. Díga hé ɛkwé hé (wolves and caribou); Dechı̄ta hé gorekó hé (forests and fire). Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
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Motion 2020-002

M2020-002	Create a new Youth and Wellness Manager position, with at least one additional intern position. Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
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Motion 2020-003

M2020-003	Approve the Federal listing of ɛdə/ɛkwé (barren-ground caribou) as Threatened under the Federal Species At Risk Act, based on evidence, and citing risks and benefits noted, from: a. The SRRB 2016 Bluenose East ɛkwé Hearing b. ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management) community engagement and status assessments c. The 2018 community engagements in Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Tulita, and Délı̄ne, in June 2018. Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
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Approve minutes of previous meetings

Motion 2020-004

M2020-004	Approve minutes of the August 21 and November 27, 2018 teleconferences. Jeffery Walker/Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
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Core and Wildlife Studies Fund budgets

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

Motion 2020-005

M2020-005	Approve 2019/2020 Core budget and Workplan. Jeffery Walker/ Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
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Motion 2020-006

M2020-006	Approve 2019/2020 Wildlife Studies Fund budget. Jeffery Walker/ Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
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Executive Director requests for leave

Deb requested vacation leave time at the end of May and June 22 - July 7.

Other updates

- Board appointment – three nominees from SSI have been submitted. The Federal government opened a call for application for people that are interested in joining boards. We know of two people that put their names forward. We would need four appointments (two regular and two alternative members).
- Norman Wells ʔehdzo Got'ine put forward a complaint regarding how muskox tags were being sold to people outside the Tulit'a District, which is leading to a fix in the regulations. At the end of May ENR is having a meeting to discuss possible commercial licenses. The Board will receive tags and will be asked to decide how tags will be allocated. This item should be kept on the radar for future meeting topics.
- A new staff member joined our team in early April– Lex Scully, On the Land Program Manager.
- The Nio Ne P'ene Södzone'in Guardian Program is planned to take place on July 22- Aug 16, led by Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning.
- Colin McDonald and Catarina Owen are working together on Environment Assessment files and will provide an update to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Next in-person meeting

Location: Fort Good Hope

Timing: Prior to NWT Board Forum (Jun 15-17)

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 17, 2019.



George Barnaby, Acting Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2020-001	Convene a series of Public Listenings (Hearing events) on ɛədə/ɛekwé (barren-ground caribou) with respect to the following four topics: 1. Náts'ezé (Hunting) or Dene ts'ı́ı (ways of life); 2. Ecology/changes; 3. Díga hé ɛekwé hé (wolves and caribou); Dechı́ta hé gorekó hé (forests and fire). Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
M2020-002	Create a new Youth and Wellness Manager position, with at least one additional intern position. Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
M2020-003	Approve the Federal listing of ɛədə/ɛekwé (barren-ground caribou) as Threatened under the Federal Species At Risk Act, based on evidence, and citing risks and benefits noted, from: a. The SRRB 2016 Bluenose East ɛekwé Hearing b. ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management) community engagement and status assessments c. The 2018 community engagements in Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Tulita, and Délı́ne, in June 2018. Camilla Rabisca/ Jeffery Walker	Consensus
M2020-004	Approve minutes of the August 21 and November 27, 2018 meetings. Jeffery Walker/Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
M2020-005	Approve 2019/2020 Core budget and Workplan. Jeffery Walker/ Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus
M2020-006	Approve 2019/2020 Wildlife Studies Fund budget. Jeffery Walker/ Camilla Rabisca.	Consensus