

In Person Meeting Minutes



Colville Lake

September 17, 18 and 19, 2014

Minutes by Joe Hanlon and Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms Used

ACCWM	Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
ENR	Government of the NWT Environment and Natural Resources
RRC	ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ (Renewable Resources Council)
SRRB	ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ ᑕᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ ᑕᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
SARA	Species at Risk Act
CMA	Conference of Management Authorities
CIMP	Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
TK	Traditional Knowledge

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Board Members

Paul Latour, Lesley Allen

Alternates

Jeff Walker

Special Advisors

Camilla Rabisca, George Barnaby, Leon Andrew

Staff

Deborah Simmons (Executive Director), Catarina Owen (Environmental Assessment Researcher), Joe Hanlon (program coordinator), Lori Ann Lennie (office manager), Kristen Yakeleya (intern)

Guest

Joanna Wilson (ENR biologist), Jean Polfus (University of Manitoba PhD student), Kristen Callaghan, Tracy Davidson, Micheline Manseau, Heather Sayine-Crawford (ENR biologist), Julian Kanigan (CIMP), Donna Bigelow (Environment Canada), Scott Paszkiewicz (Sahtú Land Use Planning Board), Shauna Morgan (Pembina Institute), Tee Lim (Pembina Institute), Allice Legat

Meeting Agenda- Day 1

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 1 pm- 5 pm

Topic	Time	Led by	Outcome
1. Opening prayer, welcome, introductions, review agenda	1:00pm 10m	Michael Neyelle	
2. Minutes	10m	Michael Neyelle	Motion
a. Previous meetings (May 13, June 27, August 21 teleconferences)			
b. Decisions between meetings			
3. Chair's Report	10m	Michael Neyelle	Information
<i>Todzi and Mountain Caribou Research and Management (1 hour)</i>			
4. Species At Risk Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework (Conference of Management Authorities)	1:30pm 20m	Joanna Wilson, Deborah Simmons	Motion
5. Dechenla area Mountain Caribou Research and Management	20m	Michael Neyelle, Leon Andrew, Jeff Walker	Motion?
6. Caribou Populations Research Update	20m	Jean Polfus (<i>teleconference</i>)	Information
<i>Barrenground Caribou Management, Action Planning, Monitoring Workshop (2 hours)</i>			
7. Bluenose Herds Management Plan	2:30pm 45m	Michael Neyelle DLSimmons Kristen Callaghan (<i>teleconference</i>)	Motion
8. Bathurst and Bluenose Herds calving ground census and action planning (results of August 27 emergency meeting)	3:30pm 45m	Heather Sayine-Crawford (<i>teleconference</i>) Leonard Kenny DLSimmons	Confirm delegates & approach
9. ENR Barren-Ground Caribou Monitoring and Management projects	15m	Heather Sayine-Crawford (<i>teleconference</i>)	Information
10. CIMP Bathurst Caribou Monitoring Blueprint (<i>and update re SRRB projects with CIMP</i>)	4:30pm 30m	Julian Kanigan (<i>teleconference?</i>)	Motion (Sept 30)
<i>Close for the day</i>			

1. Opening prayer, welcome, introductions, review agenda

Meeting began at 1:06 pm

Motion M2014-018

M2014-018	Jeff Walker/Lesley Allen. The Sahtú Renewable Resources Board will develop a protocol for consultation.	Consensus
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2. Minutes

a. Previous meetings (May 13, June 27, August 21 teleconferences)

Motion M2014-019

M2014-019	Lesley Allen/ Paul Latour. Meeting minutes from May 13, 2014 and June 27, 2014 Teleconference were approved as amended.	Consensus
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August 21, 2014 meeting minutes do not require approval since it was an informal meeting (no quorum).

b. Decisions between meetings

Decision 2014-019

D2014-019	Deliver a letter to Environment Canada supporting the listing of three bat species under the species at risk act.	Consensus
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Decision 2014-020

D2014-020	Deliver a letter to Parks Canada supporting the proposed fishing and aircraft access regulations - Náats'jhch'oh Park.	Consensus
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Motion M2014-020

M2014-020	Paul Latour/ Lesley Allen. Decisions made between meetings were approved.	Consensus
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3. Chair's report

Report provided in board meeting package.

4. Species At Risk Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework (Conference of Management Authorities)

Joanna Wilson

- NWT Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework is needed since boreal caribou was listed under SARA in February 2014. The idea is to build on the National Recovery Strategy but make it specific to the Northwest Territories.
- The SRRB is a member of the CMA and will sign agreement for strategy. Most important parts of document are the recovery objectives and how they can be achieved. ENR is seeking feedback from SRRB.
- Joanna Wilson presented main points of document.
- Goal in guidance document is taking a regional approach to 65% non-disturbance targets.
- On ongoing, short term basis, prioritizing areas where disturbance should be minimized, and that could be based on information about where the important areas are. But the calculation would be based on the whole range.

- Discussion – there is a significant knowledge gap and confusion regarding population numbers and range. Maps will be adjusted according to the best information available.

Motion M2014-021

M2014-021	Lesley Allen/Paul Latour. SRRB supports Species At Risk Boreal Caribou Recovery Framework.	Consensus
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5. Dechenla area Mountain Caribou Research and Management

2014-09-16, 7:20-9:15 pm; attendance: Deb Simmons, Jeff Walker, Michael Neyelle, Paul Latour and Lesley Allen

- Jeff Walker provided an overview of the issues from an ENR perspective. Note that Ross River First Nation has sued the Yukon Government for issuing caribou harvesting tags without consulting them. They are requesting funding from GNWT for a check station at Ross River. The costs for monitoring in that area are prohibitive. There is a reciprocal agreement with the Yukon Government for enforcement.
- Jeff noted that it's not possible to impose a restriction without evidence to the effect that the population is being impacted.
- Recommendations (see attached letter):
 1. Mention that R1 is covered under the new Wildlife Act
 2. With respect to R2, develop a science and TK research and monitoring plan for the caribou population to better understand the population and impacts.
 3. Support R3, a meeting of a stewardship planning committee – suggest that this take place in Tulít'a with objectives to:
 - Document the “asserted area.”
 - Develop options for addressing impacts, such as special harvesting area, land use plan conformity requirements, and access restrictions.
 - Renew the Friendship Treaty.
 - Consider options for Recommendation #4
 4. Support cooperation between Yukon Government and GNWT to address Ross River FN concerns.
 5. Copy the letter to the Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters.

Motion M2014-022

M2014-022	Lesley Allen/Paul Latour. A letter will be drafted for review by the Board outlining the next steps that the Board has determined at this meeting regarding Dechenla area Mountain Caribou Research and Management. The letter will be addressed to the leaders in the Tulita District and copied to outfitters and GNWT ENR.	Consensus
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6. Caribou Populations Research Update

Jean Polfus and Micheline Manseau

- Jean provided an update on her research since last February's board meeting in Délįnę.
- Jean's results can give us baseline data for future research/monitoring in the Sahtú ; very soon they will have an idea of what the baseline results are, also can help inform management going into the future.

7. Bluenose Herds Management Plan

Kristen Callaghan and Tracy Davidson

- Kristen and Tracy provide a short overview of the Bluenose Herd Management Plan, which has been led by the Renewable Resource Boards.
- GRRB has already sent a letter of comment but a letter from ACCWM would be appreciated.
- Ensuring that caribou range is labelled correctly is a main concern.
- Management plan is the foundation on which action planning will happen, and it has yet to be defined. Management plan does not say collaring and it emphasizes community engagement.

Motion M2014-023

M2014-023	Jeff Walker/Paul Latour. SRRB accepted the Bluenose Herds Management Plan draft and gave its approval to the ACCWM meeting.	Consensus
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8. Bathurst and Bluenose Herds calving ground census and action planning (results of August 27 emergency meeting)

Heather Sayine-Crawford, Jan Adamczewsk and Bruno Cross

- Heather reviews her calving ground census presentation.
- Minister called an emergency meeting on August 27, 2014 to discuss the results of calving ground census, numbers were much lower than expected (downward trend).
- Many factors could be causing herd decline.
- SRRB's approach – Jean Polfus is reviewing TK she has gathered.
- SRRB's delegates – Paul Latour, Michael Neyelle and Lorne Gould (SRRB biologist).

9. ENR Barren-Ground Caribou Monitoring and Management projects

See document included in board meeting package. This item was not discussed.

10. CIMP Bathurst Caribou Monitoring Blueprint

Julian Kanigan

ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı

Julian will provide an update at the next teleconference. Board members will review Bathurst Caribou Monitoring Blueprint document and provide feedback by Friday October 26, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Meeting Agenda- Day 2

Thursday, September 18, 2014 - 9am-5pm

Topic	Time	Led by	Outcome
<i>Species At Risk (1 hour)</i>			
11. Federal Species At Risk a. Peregrine Falcon Management Plan b. Workplanning for listed Species At Risk Recovery Planning c. ʔehdzo Got'Inę engagement d. Funding opportunities	9:00 am 30m	Donna Bigelow (teleconference)	a. Decision b-d. Information

Topic	Time	Led by	Outcome
12. NWT Species At Risk a. <i>Remember the Promise</i> book b. New Species Ranking System and NWT Species Report (<i>heads-up for October teleconference</i>) c. Lesser-known species question	15m	DLSimmons	a. Information b. Information and workplan c. Decision
Protected Areas (30 minutes)			
13. Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendments – New Náats'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Boundaries (focus on Howard's Pass)	10:00am 30m	Scott Paszkiewicz	Workplan
SRRB Programs (3 hours)			
14. Staff Program Updates a. Cross-Cultural Research Camp, Dechenla Land Stewardship workshop, Cumulative Effects Monitoring Workshop, Food Security Conference b. Project highlights c. Proposal highlights	30m	Kristen Yakeleya, Joe Hanlon, DLSimmons	Information
15. Project reports Part 1 a. Best of Both Worlds b. Health and Climate Change Adaptation c. Environmental Research and Monitoring Coordination Workshop d. Research Results Workshop e. Shale Oil Best Practices	11:00am 1h	Shauna Morgan, Tee Lim	Decisions for public release
16. Project Reports Part 2 1. Traditional Knowledge Research Guidelines	1:00pm 30m	Allice Legat	Decision for regional review
17. Website workshop	30m	Catarina Owen	Recommendations
Special Meeting with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and ʔehdzo Got'Inę (2 hours)			
18. Opening prayer, welcome and introductions	2:00 pm 15m		
19. Working together: Key issues in wildlife conservation	45m	Behdzi Ahda leaders and elders	Recommendations
20. Dene Mapping Project presentation	15m	Michael Neyelle	Information
21. <i>Remember the Promise</i> book launch	45m	Michael Neyelle	Information
<i>Close for the day</i>			

11. Federal

Donna Bigelow

- Sahtú assessment – COSEWIC assessed 4 species in the Sahtú (May 2014)
 - Woodland Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*); Northern Mountain populations Re-assessment – Confirmed Special Concern.

- Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*); Western population – Re-assessment - Confirmed Special Concern.
- Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus bohemicus*) – New – Endangered.
- Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis*); mckayi subspecies - New – Special Concern.
- Management Plan being developed for Short Ear Owl and Peregrine Falcon
- Rusty Bird Management plan is on the public registry and it is open for public comment until October 26, 2014 (listed as Special Concern).
- Environment Canada will be developing and posting the proposed recovery documents for the following 4 species found in the Sahtú Settlement Area - Common Nighthawk, Peregrine Falcon, Olive sided Flycatcher and Short-earl Owl
- Donna provided an overview how Species At Risk documents (such as management plans) are reviewed and approved
- SRRB will start using social media to bring awareness (Sahtú specific) to the public on species being evaluated by Environment Canada.

12. NWT Species At Risk

Topic deferred to next board meeting.

13. Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendments- New Náats'jhch'oh National Park Reserve

Scott Paszkiewicz

- Scott provided an overview of land use plan, different zones, and conformity requirements.
- Náats'jhch'oh National Park Reserve boundaries are now finalized.
- Several areas that communities/elders wanted protected are not in the final park reserve; SLUPB will be looking for input on these areas especially in terms of wildlife management (such as mineral licks, hot springs, ice patches, cultural features etc).

14. Staff Program Updates

Joe Hanlon updated board on Dechenla Land Stewardship workshop and Food security Conference.

Kristen Yakeleya provided an overview of programs she has been involved since May – Dechenla Land Stewardship Workshop, Cross Cultural Research Camp, Sahtú Youth Network and Traditional Economy.

15. Project reports Part 1

Best of Both Worlds – approved pending revisions.

Health and Climate Change Adaptation – deferred to next meeting.

Sahtú Environmental Research and Monitoring Coordination Workshop – Report approved pending minor revisions.

Research Results Workshop – deferred to next meeting.

Shale Oil Best Practices – Revisions are needed, Lorne Gould (biologist) will also be asked to review report.

Environmental Monitoring Training Report – ready to go public.

16. Project Reports Part 2

Traditional Knowledge Research Guidelines – report will be evaluated at next board meeting.

17. Website Workshop

Board members were shown how to access password protected area of the SRRB website.

18. Opening prayer, welcome and introductions

Special Meeting with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and ʔehdzo Got'Inę

19. Working together: Key issues in wildlife conservation

Special Meeting with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and ʔehdzo Got'Inę

Key issues:

- Wildfires – a lot of land is being damaged, including cultural sites and nothing is being done. Jeff Walker explained first priority is human safety followed by values at risk. ENR will be coming to Colville Lake and asking community to help identify valued components.
- Colville Lake does not want collaring on their territory or quota for aboriginal harvesters on the Bluenose Herd.
- Clear message that Colville Lake want to be involved in decision making in regards to caribou management.

20. Dene Mapping Project presentation

Special Meeting with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and ʔehdzo Got'Inę

Michael Neyelle provided a summary of Dene mapping project, and a slide presentation shown with material that will be returned to Behdzi Ahda First Nation.

21. Remember the Promise book launch

Special Meeting with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and ʔehdzo Got'Inę

Michael Neyelle provided an overview of book and copies of book disturbed to community members additional copies will be sent to school.

Meeting Agenda- Day 3

Friday, September 18, 2014, 9-11:30am

Topic	Time	Led by	Outcome
22. Wildlife Act Regulations	9:00am 30m	Jeff Walker	Information
23. SRRB Research Agenda	1h	DLSimmons	Decision
<i>SRRB Administration</i>			
24. Scholarships	11: am 15m	Catarina Owen	Decision
25. Core budget variance	15m	DLSimmons	Information
<i>Chair's Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer</i>			

22. Wildlife Act Regulations

Jeff Walker presented new Wildlife Act Regulations to board and community members, September 17, 2014.

23. SRRB Research Agenda

Deferred to future meeting, see board meeting package.

24. Scholarship

Two applicants submitted applications: Joanna Speakman and Daniel Jackson

Joanna is enrolled at the Biological Sciences Diploma program at NAIT. Joanna met requirements and will be awarded \$1,000

Daniel was accepted to the Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program at Aurora College (Access) however he does not meet scholarship requirements. He will be encouraged to reapply after completing first semester

Motion M2014-024

M2014-024	Jeff Walker/Lesley Allen. Joanna Speakman is awarded \$1,000 scholarship.	Consensus
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25. Core budget variance

See board meeting package

Next teleconference October 14, 2014 – 9 am-12pm

Next in person board meeting will be in Norman Wells during the last week of January

Motion M2014-025

M2014-025	Lesley Allen. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm	Consensus
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Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board Motion M2014-026 (2014-10-14)



Michael Neyelle, Interim Chair

Summary of Motions

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M2014-024	Jeff Walker/Lesley Allen. Joanna Speakman is awarded \$1,000 scholarship.	Consensus
M2014-025	Lesley Allen. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm	Consensus

Summary of Decisions

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