

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
8 & 9 June 2004
Norman Wells, NT**

June 8, 2004

ATTENDANCE: **BOARD MEMBERS** **STAFF**
 Walter Bayha Jody Snortland
 Ronald Pierrot Lori Ann Lennie
 Paul Latour
 Russell Hall
 Keith Hickling – Acting

GUESTS

Alasdair Veitch – RWED-Sahtu
Richard Popko – RWED-Sahtu
Stephen Charlie – DFO

Meeting convened @ 9:10 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer by Walter Bayha

2. Review of Agenda

- Agenda revisions:
 - Add to Agency Update – DFO, CWS & Fort Good Hope
 - Remove Review of Financial Statement & TAL Update

SRRB Motion #06-08-04-01

- To accept the agenda with above revisions

Moved by: Ronald Pierrot
Seconded by: Paul Latour
Carried Unanimously

3. Recommendations to RWED Minister

- Draft letter of Recommendations to RWED Minister tabled
- Concerns raised by RWED Sahtu Regional office re: recommendations for regulation changes made at 24-26 February 2004 Board meeting
 - Extension of muskox season is during critical life stages (calving & post-calving); disturbance effects can lead to abandonment of calves; although guides focus on bulls only, muskox herds (bulls, cows & calves) are mixed during calving and post-calving
 - Opening wolverine season is during denning when fur is poor; disturbance effect may lead to abandonment of litters; COSEWIC-listed species
- At this time, withdraw motion entirely and revisit issue with RRCs during next Board meeting

SRRB Motion #06-08-04-02

- To withdraw Motion #02-26-04-13 re: recommendations for regulation changes to the RWED Minister

Moved by: Russell Hall

Seconded by: Paul Latour

Carried Unanimously

4. Agency Update – RWED, Alasdair Veitch

- RWED planning follow-up to October 2000 Workshop for NWT Biophysical Study (determining regional research priorities); Top 2 priorities (October 2000) were 1) Harvest Study continuation and 2) Wildlife Health Monitoring
 - Requesting SRRB support, suggestions for timing and additional funding (Ray Case – \$20K)
- Continuation of Research Day – chance to bring communities up-to-date about research happening in the Sahtu; blend in with regular SRRB meeting
- Federal Species at Risk Act in effect (June 2004); NWT Boreal Woodland Caribou status report, recovery plan and prohibitions to be completed soon; national plan to be completed by June 2006
 - Draft NWT Status Report to be sent to SRRB for comment and review
- Only 2 collared Boreal Woodland Caribou left alive (5 dead: 1 capture myopathy due to dart misfire; 2 grizzly bear predation; 2 unknown); although South Slave region has also had a high mortality rate, Inuvik has only had two deaths (one attributed to net gunning)
 - Caribou movements in relation to habitat, seismic, burns, etc.
 - Should RWED put out collars again? Past opposition from Colville Lake and Tulita; changed capture technique from net-gunning to darting (follow NWT Animal Care Committee Caribou and Grizzly Bear Capture Guidelines)
 - Suggestion to use water crossing captures; noted that timing is essential in this technique
- Adult cow moose shot at Hare Indian River by Kenny Taureau, Fort Good Hope with strange feet/hooves (email w/ pictures tabled); keratinized hooves believed to be result of deficiency in copper; sent to Saskatoon for complete analysis
 - Final results to be sent back to community
 - Shows importance of community reporting about wildlife health tabled email with pictures

5. Review of Previous Minutes

- 24 – 26 February 2004
 - RRCO budget
 - Create separate fund within Simply Accounting to keep track of expenses rather than develop separate budget
 - Develop annual work plan with review and comments from Board members

- Harvest Study 5-yr interim report and basic needs level calculations to be completed following completion of 2002-03 data report

SRRB Motion #06-08-04-03

- To accept the 24 – 26 February 2004 minutes as presented

Moved by: Russell Hall

Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot

Carried Unanimously

ACTION (RRCO): To develop annual work plan with review and comment from Board members

ACTION (HSC & ED): To complete basic needs level calculations and 5-yr interim report

6. Harvest Study Data Distribution Policy

- Draft Data Distribution Policy and SRRB Data Release & Usage Agreement tabled
- Board does not have to release information
- Policy Modifications
 - #2 – incorporate #5 (maintaining harvester confidentiality)
- Data Release & Usage Agreement Modifications
 - #1 – add will not be released or published
- How long is data available for? Researcher vs. government

ACTION (ED): To check with Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board and Inuvialuit Game Council, and Nunavut Wildlife Management Board re: harvest study data distribution policy

7. Research Application Review Process

- Draft Research Application Review Process & Revised SRRB Project Funding Application Guidelines tabled

SRRB Motion #06-08-04-04

- To accept the Research Application Review Process as presented

Moved by: Paul Latour

Seconded by: Russell Hall

Carried Unanimously

8. 2004/05 CORE Budget

- 2004/05 Core Budget (June 24, 2004 to March 31, 2005) tabled
- Maternity Leave not paid for by the Board

SRRB Motion #06-08-04-05

- To accept the 2004/05 Core Budget (June 24, 2004 to March 31, 2005) as presented

Moved by: Russell Hall
Seconded by: Paul Latour
Carried Unanimously

9. Traditional Camps for Youth in Fort Good Hope – Support Letter

- Jackson’s Arctic Circle Tours “Land is Our Life” Proposal tabled
- Ron Pierrot – declared conflict of interest
- Band to handle administration of the proposed program
- Federal government no longer supporting trapper training programs; responsibility of provinces and territories
- Fur Institute of Canada fully supports these kinds of proposals

ACTION (ED): To send letter of support to Jackson’s Arctic Circle Tours re: traditional camps for youth in Fort Good Hope

10. Ramparts Wetlands Protected Area Status – Support Letter

- Yamoga Land Corporation & K’ahsho Got’ine Chartered Council letter, 21 May 2004, tabled
- Ron Pierrot – declared conflict of interest
- Revision to original community Protected Areas Strategy initiative re: Tsodehniline/Tuya’t’ah (Ramparts) Area
 - Extension of boundary
 - CWS to be sponsoring agency (request surface & subsurface land withdrawal)
- If bid parcels and prospecting permits are within boundary of candidate protected area, third party interests are respected

ACTION (ED): To send letter of support to Yamoga Land Corporation & K’ahsho Got’ine Chartered Council re: Tsodehniline/Tuya’t’ah Candidate Protected Area referring to community resolution and revised boundary

11. Implementation Update

- Walter Bayha, Paul Latour & Jody Snortland met with Implementation Committee, April 27, 2004, to further discuss funding requirements and future challenges for the SRRB
- Initial funding offer received, May 18, 2004; SRRB reply to the Sahtu Secretariat Inc, May 24, 2004
- To prevent interruption of funding, May 26, 2004 request to submit a budget for remainder of 2004/05
- Negotiations ongoing; no further word received

12. Recommendation to District Land Corporations

- Draft letter of Recommendation to District Land Corporations tabled
- SRRB writing letter on behalf of RRCs; RRC concerns raised during SRRB Board meetings
- RRCs are community wildlife managers; RRC members are appointed by community land corporations

ACTION (ED): To send letter of recommendation to District and Community Land Corporations re: inclusion of RRCs during Benefits and Access negotiations

13. Agency Update – Fort Good Hope, Ronald Pierrot

- K'ahsho Got'ine Model Presentation tabled
- Model Highlights
 - Access negotiated on regional scale and benefits negotiated on community scale
 - Monies paid to the communities would be based on volume of gas run through pipeline and the percentage of land owned along the pipeline right-of-way (differs from the Aboriginal Pipeline Group's ownership of the pipeline)
 - \$7 million to be paid annually to the K'ahsho Got'ine communities over the 25-yr life span of the pipeline (\$35 million for entire valley)
- Presenting Model to Tulita District, Deh Cho, and Gwich'in over the next few weeks

Due to other commitments, Ron Pierrot left meeting at 2:15 p.m.

14. Agency Update – RWED, Keith Hickling

- New Superintendent hired (Steven Hanna, previous Director of Sustainable Development in Kugluktuk); begins July 5th
- New Officer hired in Norman Wells (Jeff Walker); full contingent of officers; to continue good working relationship with RRCO on conservation education issues; few charges laid during 2003/04 winter (no officers)
- Possibility that Department of RWED will split (Economic development & Environment)
- 2003/04 Sahtu trapper training project completed – no more money; video produced about the program

15. Agency Update – CWS, Paul Latour

- Species at Risk Act requirements for permitting, including research, now that prohibitions are in effect (June 2004)
- Critical habitat for Boreal woodland caribou will not be defined before pipeline
- CWS presence in Sahtu – breeding bird surveys along pipeline right-of-way
- Environmental Impact Statement for Mackenzie Valley Pipeline will be distributed soon (possibly Aug 2004); suggest SRRB focus on social/economic impacts of harvesting and the cumulative effects of pipeline

16. Agency Update – DFO, Stephen Charlie

- Environmental Assessment Biologists hired to deal with pipeline issues; all Habitat people moved to Yellowknife; new Fishery Management Biologist in Inuvik
- Provided monies for Great Bear Lake Trout Movements project and new boat/community monitors for community based monitoring
- Support Great Bear Lake Management Plan
- Plans for at least one patrol at Great Bear Lake during Summer 2004

- Waiting for Fort Good Hope Index Netting Project final report to determine if project should continue
- Possibility that DFO can provide funding (\$10K) for NWT Biophysical Workshop

17. SLWB Technical Advisory Committee Update

- Technical Advisory Committee created to provide advise to Sahtu Land & Water Board re: Water Licence Renewal for Imperial Oil Resources Ltd. – Norman Wells Operation
- SRRB – observer status; attended meetings in April and May to deal with Terms & Conditions of the Water Licence
- Public Hearing scheduled for July 6th

18. Renewable Resource Communication Officer Update

- Recent projects:
 - Small Mammal Trapping project, 7-11 July; SRRB summer student and Tulita school kids involved
 - School visits (Fort Good Hope, Colville Lake, Deline & Norman Wells), May 2004
 - Take-a-Kid Trapping project, April 2004; Tulita and Deline school kids involved; achievement awards distributed to participants on School Awards Night
 - Wildlife Health Tour, 15-31 March 2004; in conjunction with RWED and Wildlife Veterinarian
- 2nd edition of newsletter to be distributed soon; RRCO to call Stephen Charlie to have DFO in next edition

19. Harvest Study Update

- 2002/03 Data Report to be completed for end of June 2004
- Jody Snortland and Lori Ann Lennie to continue study while Janet Bayha is away on Maternity Leave
- Decision to be made regarding who will write 5-yr interim report (what will be included in report?)

20. Dedicated Internet Service

- Pros/cons of dedicated internet service & Northwestel quote tabled
- Dedicated service in office but not high speed internet
- Initial costs are higher but over time the cost is significantly less than currently paying

Meeting recessed @ 5:00 p.m.

June 9, 2004

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Walter Bayha
Russell Hall
Paul Latour
Keith Hickling – Acting

STAFF

Jody Snortland

GUESTS

Stephen Charlie – DFO

Meeting convened @ 9:15 a.m.

21. Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study Update – Walter Bayha

- Modifications to original proposal:
 - Administration of project: Deline RRC to Deline First Nation
 - Project Manager: Ken Caine to Vera Caine
 - Timeline of project: 4 months to 8 months
- Specifics from elders (TK) can be used for management of wildlife (used by researchers), e.g. don't hit caribou with a stick or won't come back means one should be humane to animals
- Suggestion made to incorporate Fort Good Hope study and others (Martha Johnson, 1960s Huroto)

22. Deline Knowledge Centre Update – Walter Bayha

- Administration of project now handled by Deline First Nation
- Plans to hire someone to deal specifically with this file; work continues to receive funding through the Community University Research Alliance
- Work produced from the SRRB TK Study to be included in Traditional Knowledge collection

23. Surplus Items Process

- Field equipment inventory to be completed in Summer 2004
- Can board members bid? Must go through competitive tender process same as everyone

24. Summer Student Report

- Joel Doctor hired (12 May to 15 August) following interviews with applicants
- Tasks: laboratory work (necropsies), small mammal trapping (voles & hares), Dall's Sheep Survey, waterfowl banding (Willow Lake), and other required duties
- Verbal Warning issued – May 26th

25. Fur Institute of Canada – Federal Funding Concerns – Russ Hall

- Trappers are required to use trapping systems that are researched and deemed humane (standardized); federal government has removed funding for the Vegreville Research Centre and other centers across Canada; feds feel that

trap testing research and trapper education is the responsibility of territorial and provincial governments

- FIC to develop trapper training program videos (standard across Canada) to be used by local instructors; Sahtu trained trapping instructors – Wilfred Jackson, Chris Yukon, Wilfred Lennie Sr.
- Sahtu Trapper Training Project – cancelled in March 2004 due to lack of funding; need parents to lobby community leaders (District Education Authority, RRCs, Land Corporations, Bands, etc) to continue program
- RWED partnering with SRRB to do localized school projects

ACTION (ED): To write letter to Brendan Bell, Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Nick Sibbeston, & suggested Members of Parliament re: continued funding for Vegreville Research Centre

26. Fur Institute of Canada – Silent Auction Item

- Annual General Meeting, 18-19 June in Moncton, NB – Russell Hall to attend
- Silent auction to generate funds for trap research and training; SRRB to donate two pairs of beaded moose hide slippers (man and woman)

27. Maternity Leave

- Janet Bayha's leave – 21 June 2004 to 3 January 2005
- Jody Snortland's leave – 18 October 2004 to May 2005

ACTION (ED): To provide options for coverage of positions during Maternity Leave periods

28. Plainspeak Update

- Draft technical and general presentations tabled

ACITON (ED): To provide copies to board members/alternates to review and provide comments

29. Next Board Meeting

- 27 – 30 September 2004, Tulita

30. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #06-09-04-06

- To adjourn meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Moved by: Paul Latour