Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Board Conference Call 15 December 2005

Present on Call:	
Paul Latour	Member
Keith Hickling	Alternate Member
Leonard Kenny	Member

Jody Snortland Executive Director

Convened at 9:48 a.m.

1. Recommendations to ENR Minister

- Initial recommendations made by RRCs at February 2004 board meeting; follow-up at September 2004 board meeting
- ENR biologists consulted to ensure no critical life stages would be affected
- Helicopter ban is for Big Game only; does not refer to migratory birds

SRRB Motion#12-15-05-01

- To recommend to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following regulation changes for the Sahtu Settlement Area:
 - Muskox Unit S/MX/01 should be expanded to include all of the Sahtu Settlement Area east of the Mackenzie River to the northern borders of the Deh Cho and North Slave regions and to the western border of Nunavut,
 - Helicopters must be restricted for any purpose connected with hunting any Big Game in S/MX/01 for all categories of hunting licence holders and Sahtu beneficiaries,
 - S/MX/01 be opened to non-residents and non-resident aliens for wolf and wolverine hunting during 01 August to 15 April, and
 - Muskox season for resident, non-resident, and non-resident alien hunters be extended from 31 March to 15 April to allow for combination hunts of muskox with barren-ground caribou, wolf, and wolverine and for an additional two weeks of spring hunting for residents.

Moved by: Leonard Kenny Seconded by: Paul Latour Carried

ACTION (ED): To forward above recommendations to Michael Miltenberger, ENR Minister

- 2. Support Letter Risk Assessment on Invasive Alien Species
 - GNWT has put in a proposal to the Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program (Federal) for \$50K per year for two years
 - Monies will be used to do a risk analysis of present and future threats of invasive alien species, including an inventory of invasive plant species in the NWT

- Recommended in the Biodiversity Action Plan
- Requesting support from interested NWT organizations

ACTION (ED): To write letter of support for a Risk Assessment on Invasive Alien Species in the NWT to the IAS Partnership Program

3. Other Business

- <u>Xmas Break</u> Tulita Office will be closed from December 21, 2005 to January 2, 2006. Office will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2006.
- Janet Bayha's Maternity Leave Janet gave birth on 08 Dec 05; therefore, her maternity leave has started. The Board will continue to pay her until December 30, 2005.
- <u>CWS Letter</u> Regional Director of Canadian Wildlife Service has forwarded a letter of appreciation to Norman Simmons for his work with the SRRB.

Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.