

Meeting between GN and NTI representatives on outstanding issues re a TAH and BNL for Southampton Island caribou

NTI proposed agenda

Purpose: to take immediate steps towards mutually resolving the outstanding issues on the NWMB's agenda for a fall hearing.

Date: week of June 2-6, 2014, day to be agreed

Duration: 2-3 hours

Joint Chairs: the senior GN and NTI officials

1. TAH

Discuss difficulties with enforcing the current TAH, and identify how the GN will ensure enforcement of the TAH going forward.

- The HTO initially approached the GN requesting a TAH of 1500, the Minister as per NLCA 5.3.24 established the current TAH of 1000, and there is now a proposed reduction of the TAH to 800. The HTO has indicated to both GN and NTI that the HTO requested the establishment of a TAH in order to have the GN's authority to enforce the limitation on caribou harvesting on Southampton Island.
- The GN reports, based on a Hamlet Council letter, that 17,000 lbs of meat were shipped out of Coral Harbour in January-February 2014, and that this is a conservation concern. Some individuals may be harvesting more than the 4 caribou per household for which tags are allocated by the HTO. What monitoring and enforcement measures has the government put in place to ensure that the TAH is not exceeded?

2. BNL

Identify the key facts considered to be agreed, unproven, or disputed that either the GN or NTI asserts to be relevant to the setting of the BNL.

- NTI has assembled a list of the facts that are identified as relevant to the BNL in the GN and NTI written submissions already filed with the NWMB. ("fact sheet", attached)

- NTI proposes to use this sheet to guide the discussions and to structure how the results are reported. NTI welcomes any GN suggestions for changes to the fact sheet before the meeting.
- At the meeting, each item in the sheet can be discussed, following which each item can be noted as agreed, considered unproven (by which party) or disputed (by which party). Comments by either party also can be noted.
- Additional facts that either party has assumed can be added to the list and noted in the same way.
- Where a fact is noted as disputed or considered unproven, the parties can discuss what evidence is relied on by the party asserting the fact and why the other party considers it insufficient.

Following this and one follow-up meeting if necessary, the fact sheet can be revised and sent jointly to the NWMB by June 10, as requested by the NWMB.