



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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## **Re: Summary of Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Changes**

Dear Sirs,

As you know, on July 12 the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) released Draft 3 of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP). This letter is to follow up on the email announcing its release and to summarize the changes since the previous Draft.

All Land Corporations and Band Councils will receive 2 paper copies of Draft 3, with wall-sized maps by early August. Included with this letter is an electronic copy of Draft 3 and all supporting documents. For all others interested in obtaining these files, they are available on the SLUPB website at: [www.sahtulanduseplan.ca](http://www.sahtulanduseplan.ca).

Please note that SLUPB staff and a Board member will hold community consultation meetings in Colville Lake in August. This will be the last round of consultations before the SLUPB holds a public hearing this fall from November 22-26 in Norman Wells. When both community consultations and the public hearing have been carried out, final revisions will be made to the Sahtu Land Use Plan before submission to SSI, the GNWT and the federal government for approval.

Your involvement in this final round of feedback will be important in helping the Board understand your community's interests and needs. We look forward to working with the Colville Lake leadership and community members to review and finalize the Draft Plan for submission to all approving parties.

A number of significant changes have been introduced since Draft 2. In general, they are as listed below:

- Zone numbers and names have been revised to reflect the re-introduction of some old zones that were once removed and the inclusion of new ones;
- All zone boundaries and designations have been refined based on GIS analysis of the values of interest for protection;
- A number of the Conformity Requirements (mandatory conditions for development) in Draft 2 Special Management Zones (SMZs) have now been applied throughout the Sahtu Settlement Area in General Use Zones (GUZs);
- SMZs in Draft 3 have more focused conditions that are intended to protect the specific values of the zone;



- A consistent 500 m Conservation Zone buffer was applied to specified fish bearing lakes; and
- A consistent 1 km Special Management buffer was applied to important creeks and rivers.
- Based on discussions that occurred between Deline and Colville Lake last August, Horton Lake has been changed from a Conservation Zone to a Special Management Zone. This will allow the community of Colville Lake to continue its fall caribou hunt in the area but will also give Deline the option to consider economic opportunities in the area.
- In order to provide additional protection to barren-ground caribou on their wintering grounds, as requested by Fort Good Hope, a special area has been designated under the wildlife conditions (CR #7) for developers to mitigate impacts to caribou from October 8 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, within the area shown in the attached map.

As a result of community consultations, a number of changes have been made to the zoning in the K'asho Got'ine District. These changes were presented to Colville Lake in February 2010.

Major changes between the former Draft 2 and the current Draft 3 are summarized below:

Draft 3 Zone Number and Name	Changes
4. Ontaratue River Special Management Zone (SMZ) 6. Hare Indian River SMZ 7. Bluefish Creek to Tsintu River SMZ 8. Snafu Creek SMZ 12. Carcajou River SMZ	▪ As requested during consultations, a number of large rivers and creeks were given a 1 km SMZ buffer for added ecological protection and to allow continued community use
5. Loon River to Fort Anderson Trail Special Management Zone (SMZ)	▪ As requested during consultations, a 1 km SMZ buffer was applied along the trail
10. Norman Range Special Management Zone (SMZ)	▪ This newly delineated SMZ encompasses Yamoga Rock, Chick Lake and Sam McRae Lakes. It extends into the Tulita District and creates a SMZ that protects a number of wildlife, cultural and harvest values.
24. Travailant Uplands Conservation Zone (CZ) (Boil Betuwe, Manuel, Onhda, Yeltea Lakes)	▪ As requested during consultations, 500 m conservation buffers were applied to the lakes
25. Fort Anderson Trail Lakes CZ (Loon, Rorey, Rond, Carcajou, Canot Lakes)	▪ As requested during consultations, 500 m buffers were applied along each of the trail lakes
26. Colville Upland Lakes CZ (Burnt, Stump, Long, Stink, Trout)	▪ As requested during consultations, 500 m buffers were applied around each lake
30. Anderson River Conservation Zone (CZ)	▪ A consistent 1 km CZ buffer was applied to the length of the River and a 500 m buffer was applied to Whitefish Lake
36. Nerehtene Conservation Zone (CZ)	▪ As requested during consultations, a new Conservation Zone was introduced at the crossing
37. Yamoga Rock Conservation Zone 38. Chick Lake CZ 40. Sam McRae Lake CZ	▪ All three zones have a 500 m conservation buffer to protect ecological and cultural values. They all lie within a new zone, the Norman Range SMZ.



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Please see Draft 3 zoning map for above changes. You will also find a map of the K'asho Got'ine District.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (403) 984-3916 or at [heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca](mailto:heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca). I look forward to our time in the communities for the upcoming consultations. Thank you in advance for your involvement and participation. It is a valuable and important part of the planning process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Wiebe".

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**Attachments:**

1. Map of Barren-Ground Caribou Fall/Winter Range
2. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Zoning Map
3. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 – K'asho Got'ine District Map
4. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 CD:
  - Draft 3 Cover Letter
  - Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3
  - Background Report
  - Draft CR Implementation Guide
  - Comments and Responses Table

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