



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: Summary of Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Changes

Dear Madams and 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.

Please note that SLUPB staff and a Board member will hold community consultation meetings in Deline in August/September. 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 Deline 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:

- Draft 3 has integrated the Great Bear Lake Watershed Management Plan (GBLWMP) document and zoning as well as policies, conditions and prohibitions. The spirit and intent of the GBLWMP has been reproduced in Draft 3. Some terminology has changed for the sake of consistency and clarity but the intentions and level of protection have been retained. A summary of how the GBLWMP was integrated into Draft 3 is included with this letter to assist you in your review of Draft 3;
- As per the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*, Saoyú-?ehdacho are no longer subject to the Sahtu Land Use Plan;



- 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.

As a result of community consultation feedback in Deline, a number of changes have been made to the zoning in the District.

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

Draft 3 Zone Number and Name	Changes
15. Great Bear Lake Watershed Special Management Zone (SMZ) (Including Sentinel Islands, Port Radium, Parcel 25 of Whitefish River)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Special Management Zone (SMZ) around the Great Bear Lake Watershed (GBLW) has been integrated into the zoning and includes the Sentinel Islands to which the Deline Land Corporation holds surface title. ▪ The protection offered to the GBLW in Draft 3 is informed by the Great Bear Lake Watershed Management Plan (GBLWMP).
16. Neregah/North Shore Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neregah continues to be managed in the same way that the GBLWMP intended it to be but it is now a Special Management Zone.
17. Horton Lake Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The boundary around Horton Lake is now a SMZ as agreed to by Deline and Colville Lake.
59. Sentinel Islands Conservation Zone (CZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those Sentinel Islands that are Crown Land are in a Conservation Zone.

Please see Draft 3 zoning map for above changes. You will also find a map of the Deline District.



Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (403) 984-3916 or at 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,

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Included:

1. Integration of GBLWMP into Draft 3
2. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Zoning Map
3. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 - Deline 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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