



Northwest
Territories Environment and Natural Resources

Ms. Judith Wright-Bird, Chairperson
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
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Dear Ms. Judith Wright-Bird:

Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) Post Hearing Final Comments

In response to the Sahtu Land Use Planning (SLUP) Board's (Board) June 8, 2011 post hearing follow-up letter requesting final comments on draft three of the SLUP the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has attached suggested Conformity Requirement wording changes for your consideration.

The GNWT would like to commend the Board in holding a successful, collaborative Public Hearing. The Hearing was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for all parties to share their perspectives on the content of the current draft plan.

The GNWT remains committed to concluding a SLUP that meets the interests of all parties through a collaborative effort. If the Board intends to have a tri-partite meeting this fall the GNWT would be happy to participate. Should you require clarification on any of the wording contained in the attachment, please use the Environment and Natural Resources Lands Manager as your initial contact Joel Holder at joel_holder@gov.nt.ca or (867) 920-3485.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Bohnet,
Deputy Minister

Attachment



CR #2 - Community Engagement and Traditional Knowledge

1) Before any land use activity is authorized, Regulators shall assess how relevant community organizations (land corporation(s), first nation and/or community council, renewable resources council) and potentially affected community members have been engaged with respect to:

- a) The proposed activities,
- b) Specific locations and issues of concern, and
- c) Traditional knowledge that is relevant to the location, scope and nature of the proposed activities.

2) Regulators shall ensure that a land use activity is designed and carried out with due regard for community concerns and incorporates relevant traditional knowledge.

CR #3 - Community Benefits

Before any land use activity is authorized, Regulators shall be informed by applicants how communities will benefit from the proposed land use.

CR #4 - Archaeological Sites, Historic Sites and Burial Sites

A land use activity shall not take place within 150 m of suspected or known burial sites, historical sites or archaeological sites, unless expressly permitted by a regulator.

CR #5 - Watershed Management

Before a land use activity is authorized anywhere within a regional watershed containing an SMZ, CZ or PCI, Regulators shall consider the effects of the proposed activity in combination with other past, present and anticipated future land use activities, with due regard for the SDMCLCA and in particular section 20.1.1 to 20.1.19.

CR #6 – Drinking Water

2) Regulators may not authorize a land use activity that would result in the contamination of water within community catchments as shown in Map 6.

The Departments of Environment and Natural Resources along with Municipal and Community Affairs are working with Sahtu communities to better define Source Drinking Water Catchment Zones. These areas will be mapped and protection plans prepared that identifies threats to drinking water and protection measures to ensure integrity. Updated maps to replace Map 6 will be available fall 2011.

CR #10 - Incidental Harvest

This CR wording should be removed.

CR #13 - Closure and Reclamation

1) Financial security shall be posted and maintained with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for any land use activity that is not carried out by a local government or the territorial or federal government, in an amount sufficient to cover the full cost of reclamation and post-closure activities.