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MEETING EDE 59-19-21

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
COMMITTEE ROOM A, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
4. Public Matters
 - i. Public Hearing - review of the *Wildlife Act* and *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* with the Inuvialuit Game Council (Lawrence Ruben) and Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board (Jody Pellissey)
5. In Camera Matters
 - a) In Camera Wrap-up Discussion
 - b) In Camera Briefing with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Minister of Lands
 - c) Confidential Correspondence
 - i. Minister of Infrastructure - 21-04-21
 - ii. Minister of Environment and Natural Resources - 21-04-23
6. New Business:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
7. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 1:30 pm.
8. Adjournment



Wildlife • Plants • Forests • Protected Areas

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment's Review of *Wildlife Act* and *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*

**Jody Pellissey
Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)**

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Co-Management of Wildlife with IGOs

- WRRB has considered concerns from IGOs during its wildlife management proceedings.
- Participation by IGO reps during SARC, CMA, or Section 15 Wildlife Act meetings has been beneficial to ensuring all information and perspectives are included in decision making.



S. Beaumont, WRRB

Co-Management of Wildlife with IGOs

- Community level wildlife management should be where science and TK come together to generate good, objective wildlife and wildlife habitat related decisions.
- IGOs are political institutions but are not specifically wildlife management organizations. Indigenous wildlife rights protection and enhancement should be the IGO's responsibility – but focussing on these matters does not generate good, objective wildlife management decisions.



Community-based Wildlife Management



- Tłıchq̓ Government's Ekwò Nàxoède K'è program
- Community-based monitoring should be supported, collaborated, and funded by GNWT.
- Opportunity to enhance and expand on existing wildlife science knowledge *“strong like two people”*

Indigenous Guardians Programs



- Formalized at a community level
- GNWT should assist with the establishment and funding of Guardian programs

Indigenous Guardian Programs

- Focus of Guardian programs should be monitoring
- Species at Risk can be monitored by Guardians



- Guardian programs should not be involved in enforcement
- Significant training and management within a legal context is required to protect the public interest

Collaborative Wildlife Management

- Wildlife and wildlife management are culturally, economically, and spiritually important to all northerners
- WRRB urges enhanced, forward looking wildlife management to face challenges, including climate change and the biodiversity crisis
- GNWT's wildlife laws should reflect the importance of wildlife and be robust enough to face the challenges



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