

**NOTICE OF PROCEDURE & PROCEEDING SCHEDULE –
2026 SAHTÌ EKWÒ MANAGEMENT**

On July 17, 2026, Environment & Climate Change (ECC), Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Tłıchǫ Government (TG) submitted a joint management proposal, entitled “*Joint Proposal on Management Actions for the Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (Sahtì Ekwò) Herd 2027-2030*” (“the Proposal”) to the WRRB, outlining proposed management actions for Sahtì Ekwò in Wek'èezhìi. Following an initial assessment of the Proposal, the WRRB determined that a **Level 2 review** is appropriate, as per its Rule for Management Proposals. The Board opened the 2026 Sahtì Ekwò Management Proceeding on August 27, 2026. Public participation in this WRRB proceeding is encouraged in accordance with the Board's Rules.

The following schedule has been established for the Level 2 proceeding:

Public Written Submissions	August 27 to October 1, 2026
Deadline for Participant Identification	September 11, 2026
Issuance of Information Requests	September 18, 2026
Submission of Responses	October 9, 2026
Technical Sessions	
- Science	October 20-21, 2026
- Traditional Knowledge	October 27-28, 2026
Close Record	November 6, 2026
Submission of Final Written Arguments	
- Participants	November 10, 2026
- ECC & TG	November 12, 2026
WRRB Decision	January 15, 2027

Anyone interested in providing comment on the Sahtì Ekwò joint management proposal may do so in writing through email, phone, or fax by October 1, 2026. Those interested in participating in the proceeding are asked to complete the online participant notification on the WRRB's Public Registry by September 11, 2026. Participants may provide comments on and/or ask approved questions of TG and GNWT about the joint management proposal.

Documents posted to the Public Registry for the 2026 Sahtì Ekwò Management Proceeding can be viewed at: <https://www.wrrb.ca/public-information/public-registry>.