# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: COOPERATION ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

#### PARTIES:

the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board ("GRRB"); and the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board ("KRWB"); and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board ("NWMB"); and the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board ("SRRB"); and the Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board ("TNNPMB") and the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) ("WMAC (NWT)") and the Wek'weezhii Renewable Resources Board ("WRRB").

#### THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management
- 1.1 The Parties shall establish a Co-Chairs Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (the "Committee"), which shall consist of the Chairs or their alternates of the GRRB, the KRWB, the SRRB, the WMAC (NWT), the WRRB, the NWMB and the Vice-Chair of the TNNMPB.
- 1.2 The Parties may, with the agreement all Parties and of the affected organizations, expand the organizations recognized as Parties to this MOU.

#### 2. Mandate of Committee

- 2.1 The Committee shall, as its members deem appropriate, exchange information, help develop cooperation and consensus and make recommendations regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat issues that cross land claim agreement and treaty area boundaries. Potential transboundary topics for Committee work include:
  - a. a Bluenose Caribou herds management plan;
  - b. sub-plans for different aggregations within these herds;
  - c. total allowable harvests;
  - d. non-quota limitations on harvesting;
  - e. the protection of calving and post-calving grounds; and
  - f. such other wildlife and wildlife habitat related issues as the Committee deems worthy of its attention.

### 3. Meetings

3.1 The Committee shall meet at least once per year and more often as its members deem appropriate.

- 3.2 Unless otherwise agreed with funding agencies, each Party shall bear the costs of its member's participation in Committee meetings and other work.
- 3.3 The Parties shall determine the chair/host of the next meeting at the conclusion of each meeting.
- 3.4 The meeting chair/host shall provide secretariat services to the Committee for that meeting.

# 4. Participation of Government Management Agencies

- 4.1 The Committee may, as its members deem appropriate, invite representatives of government management agencies and other organizations to participate in its meetings.
- 5. Period of Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")
- 5.1 This MOU is valid for a period of three (3) years from September 2008, and it may be extended by the written agreement of the Parties.

## 6. Legal Effect of MOU

- 6.1 This MOU is not legally binding and it does not recognize, create, define or detract from any rights of the Parties.
- 6.2 Electronic and ink-and-paper signing of this MOU are both acceptable to the Parties.

7. Signatures

Chair, GRRB

Chair, KRWO

hair, SRRB

Chair, NWMB

Chair, WRRB

Vice-Chair, TNNPMB

Chair, WMAC (NWT)