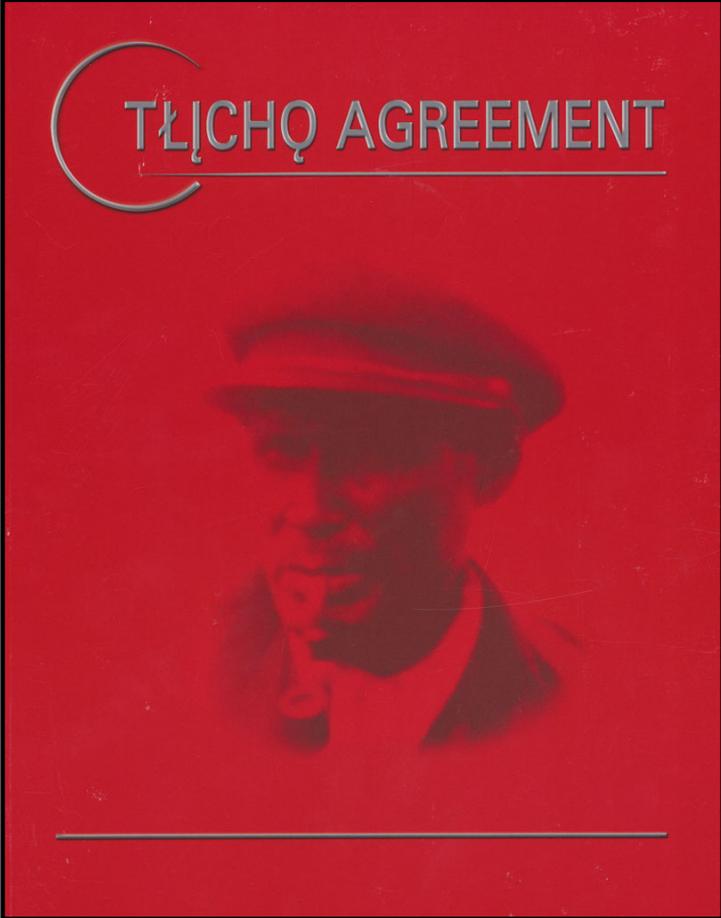




# The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board & 2019 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding

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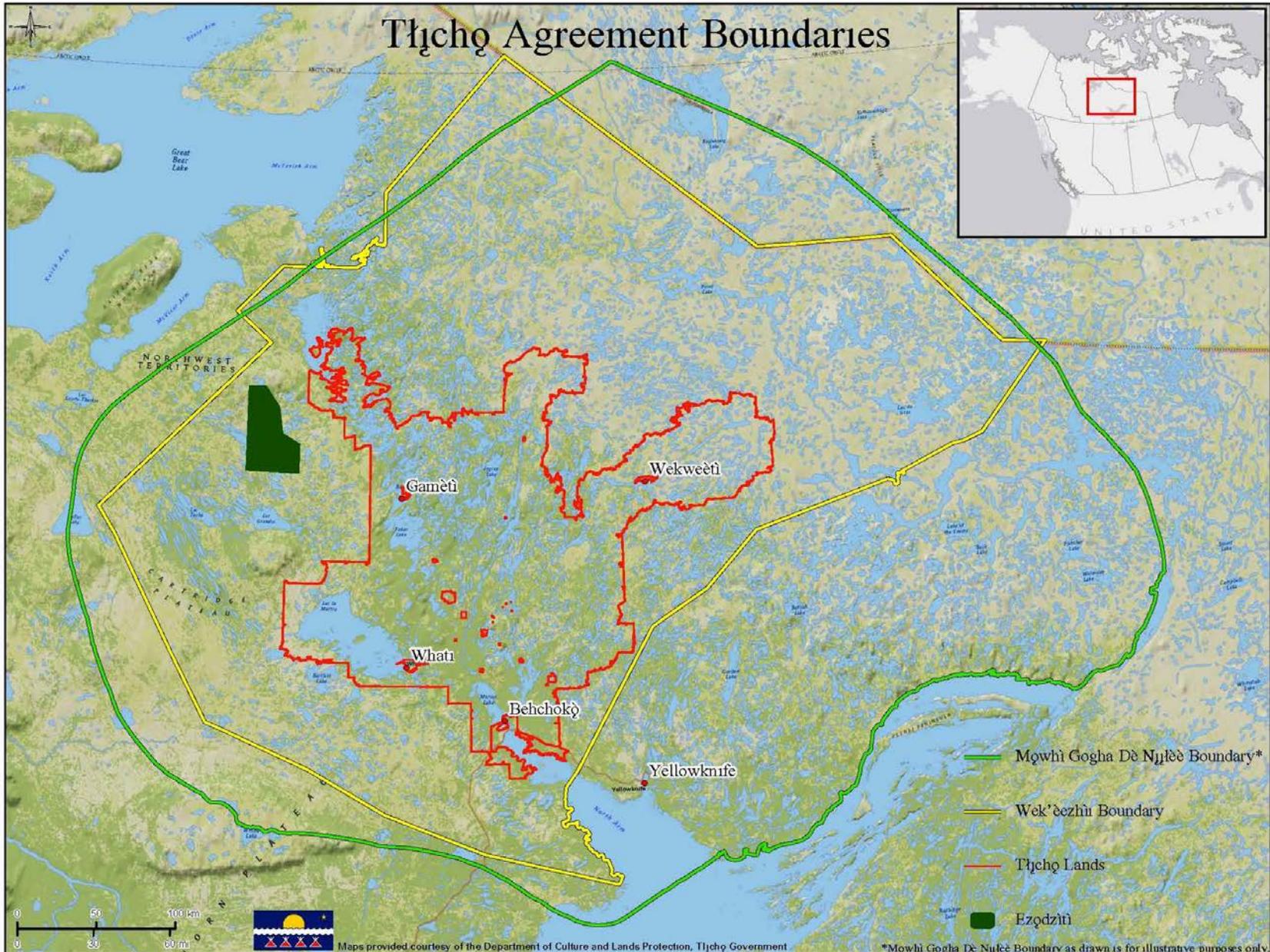
# Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board



**TŁIČHQ AGREEMENT**

- WRRB is a co- management board established by the Tłıchq Agreement
- Board acts in the public interest; considers the interests of all users in making decisions

# Tłı̨chǫ Agreement Boundaries



Maps provided courtesy of the Department of Culture and Lands Protection, Tłı̨chǫ Government

\*Mq̄whì Gogha Dè Nı̨łèè Boundary as drawn is for illustrative purposes only.

Working together to take care of wildlife,  
forests, plants and protected areas in  
Wek'èezhì for present and future generations

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# Considerations

- Inter-relatedness of wildlife, land and people
- Conservation and precautionary principle
- Use of best information available to inform decision making
  - Tłjchq knowledge
  - Scientific knowledge
  - Expert opinion

*“Strong Like Two People”*



# 2019 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding

- *Joint Proposal on Management Actions for the Bathurst ʔekwò (Barren-ground caribou) Herd 2019-2021*
- **Proposed actions: harvest, predators, habitat and land use, education, and research and monitoring**



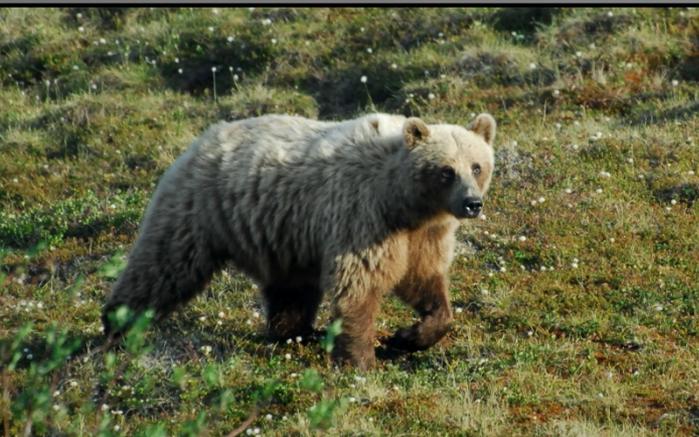


## Harvest

- The WRRB determined that a total allowable harvest of zero shall be continued for all users of the Bathurst caribou herd within Wek'èezhìi for 2019-2021
- Implications of emigration on the herd

# Predators

- Determination of sighting rates or predators and the criteria used to determine the annual targeted removal
- Completion of a biological and management feasibility assessment for grizzly bear and wolverine



# Education

- Discussion about priorities and solutions for food security
- Exchange of information about the reasons and factors for caribou declines



# Research & Monitoring



- Development of a herd-specific adaptive management framework with thresholds linked to specific management actions
- Collection of climate change observations during the Ekwò Nàxoède K'è program



**Users and managers must act now, in whatever ways possible, to protect the herd so future recovery may be possible**

# Thank you



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