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Deborah Simmons
Executive Director
Sahtú Renewable Resources Board

February 12, 2020

RE: Response to your Information Request Sent to the Board on February 10, 2020

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) looks forward to the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) participation at the NWMB's upcoming public hearing on Bluenose-east caribou. Please find brief replies to your questions below.

Inuktut and Inuinnaqtun translations
The NWMB conducts its proceedings in both English and Inuktut. As this hearing will take place in a region where Inuinnaqtun is spoken, the NWMB will accept submissions in Inuinnaqtun. The SRRB may choose to provide submissions in both Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun. If this is not possible, translations in one of Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun will be acceptable. Please note that the NWMB will be providing simultaneous Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun interpretation during the hearing.

There is a company that advertises in Nunatsiaq News called Parenty Reitmeier. They advertise that they provide translation services in both Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun. Note the NWMB does not endorse or recommend Parenty Reitmeier, nor can we comment on the quality of their work.

Submission deadline
In order to satisfy our internal processes, we set a deadline for submissions of 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, February 14. We are willing to accommodate receipt of SRRB submissions until 9 a.m. Eastern Time on Monday, February 17 considering the circumstances described in your letter. For the translated copy, please have it to the Board by February 21 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Sharing submissions between Bathurst and Bluenose-east hearing registries
Submissions provided for the Bathurst caribou hearing will not be considered as part of the Bluenose-east caribou hearing record, and vice versa, unless parties provide their written submissions to both hearings. Submissions for both hearings are due by February 14. We understand that parties that use or manage both herds may have similar perspectives, but the NWMB's decisions about the Bluenose-east caribou total allowable harvest (TAH) and non-quota limitation (NQL) will be based on written and oral evidence (and arguments) provided during the Bluenose-east hearing only.

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NWMB's letter of October 7, 2016

The focus of the March 2-3, 2020, hearing in Kugluktuk is to consider the Government of Nunavut's (GN) proposal to modify the TAH of Bluenose-east Caribou from 340 to 107 and to establish a male-only harvest NQL. All submissions for the hearing, as well as other documents deemed relevant by the NWMB, will be made publicly available through the hearing registry.

The NWMB hearing and the Kugluktuk community management plan

Here is a short summary of recent developments in NWMB decision-making processes regarding the Bluenose-east caribou.

In June 2019, The Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (KHTO) submitted a community caribou management plan (the Plan) for the Bluenose-east herd to the NWMB. The Board determined that additional information was needed and advised the KHTO to collaborate with the Government of Nunavut, the jurisdictional authority in this situation, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. to update the Plan. In December 2019, the KHTO and the Government of Nunavut (GN) informed the NWMB that they were working together to update the Plan. The NWMB will consider the Plan when it is resubmitted.

In December 2019, the GN submitted a proposal to change the harvest management of the Bluenose-east caribou herd (TAH & NQL) to the NWMB. The Board decided to hold an in-person public hearing in Kugluktuk to gather more information from Inuit, co-management partners, and other stakeholders prior to making a decision.

As a party to the Bluenose-east hearing, the SRRB will have the opportunity to seek any additional clarification from the GN about its recommendation for harvest management and plans to accommodate input provided by the community.

Sincerely,

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cc. Nick Sowsun, Legal Counsel, Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
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