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Re: Prince Charles Island Caribou

QWB Executive had held a conference call on July 22, 2016 and the Executive dealt with on number of wildlife issues including the topic of potential die-off of Prince Charles Island Caribou and recent siting by CWS crew of approximately 50 carcasses.

QWB had previously stated before during the NWMB Public Hearing (QWB Submission February 13, 2015) again at the public hearing. QWB voiced its concerns based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, of potential caribou die-off at the Prince Charles Island as IQ predicted the Island couldn't sustain all the caribou for lengthy period. This again was brought forth by David Irngaut and couple of QWB Directors at QWB June 2016 Meeting, requesting for research on the vegetation status as Inuit know, once the vegetation is gone, there will be die-off, the weather factor probably isn't the only probable cause as indicated by the GN DoE briefing document.

Another statement was provided by QWB Chairman, James Qillaq about the potential die-off at the July 2014 caribou workshop meeting held at the parish hall in Iqaluit based on the information provided by late elder Noah Piugattuk of Igloodik.

QWB also had made a statement wanting relocation of the caribou in Prince Charles Island during the high peak of abundance to prevent overload on the Island which would cause shortage of caribou vegetation, but no one seriously committed to our point of view. Now, we have learned and heard the news thru media regionally and nationally about the recent discovery of dead caribou carcasses.

QWB is recommending few options that NWMB should consider how to deal with the Prince Charles Island Caribou;

## 1. Relocation

In order to protect the overall Baffin Island caribou population, the caribou should be relocated to the Baffin Island to ensure further mass die-off doesn't occur.

The relocation would need to be conducted by air as the island is inaccessible by boat or snowmobile throughout the year.

## 2. Prince Charles Island Vegetation



3. Population Estimate  
QWB fully supports DoE's proposal to conduct the population survey, once the findings & results are known, QWB again, encourages or recommends to have the caribou from Prince Charles Island relocated to Baffin Island to ensure no further massive die-off occurs.

4. **Special Permit Harvest**  
QWB Executive has expressed interest to receive special permit for Baffin Island communities to harvest in Prince Charles Island without utilizing its community tags, so the population is reduced and the Island can sustain the vegetation longer with the remaining caribou.

While this will not be supported and controversial, but from Inuit point of view, it makes sense QWB has been on record for action be taken based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit for the survival of caribou in Baffin Island.

QWB hopes that our letter will be heard and discussed as it appalling that Inuit perspective and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit weren't adhered to but based on merely current management regime and western science.

Sincerely,

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