



April 29, 2016

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Via Email
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Re: Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to Consider a Total Allowable Harvest for Nunavut Harvesters of the Bathurst Caribou Herd

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

On December 15, 2015, the Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG) and Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of Northwest Territories submitted the “*Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions for the Bathurst Herd: 2016-2019*” to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) outlining proposed management actions for the Bathurst caribou herd in Wek'èezhì, including new restrictions on hunter harvest. More specifically, TG and ENR proposed the closure of all harvesting of the Bathurst caribou herd. The Board opened the 2016 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding on January 18, 2016, with a Public Hearing held on February 23-24, 2016. Following adjournment of the Hearing and after careful review of all of the information presented, the WRRB expects to submit its determinations and/or recommendations and reasons for decisions to the Grand Chief and Minister by no later than May 13, 2016.

Since the Bathurst caribou herd is a migratory species that moves between the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, the WRRB believes that the evidence collected during its Proceeding would be valuable information for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) to consider during its Bathurst caribou public hearing, scheduled for June 14-15, 2016 in Cambridge Bay, NU. Therefore, in the interest of continued collaboration and respectful relationships, the Board is requesting that the NWMB consider recognizing the WRRB as an observer and allowing a brief presentation on its final Reasons for Decisions report. As the WRRB's final report will not be completed until May 13, 2016, the Board requests permission to provide the required translated copies for posting to the public registry as soon as practicable.

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The WRRB looks forward to continuing a collaborative relationship with the NWMB regarding barren-ground caribou. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (867) 873-5740 or jpellissey@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Grant Pryznyk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J. Grant" and last name "Pryznyk" clearly distinguishable.

J. Grant Pryznyk
Chair

Cc Jason Akearok, Executive Director, NWMB
Hon. Wally Schumann, Minister, ENR
Ernie Campbell, Deputy Minister, ENR
Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, ENR
Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, TG
Laura Duncan, Tłıchǵ Executive Officer, TG