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To whom it may concern:

Integrated Community Caribou Management Plan for Bluenose East Caribou Herd

Thanks for providing a copy of the Integrated Community Caribou Management Plan proposed by the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Association (KHTO) for the Bluenose East Caribou Herd. The integrated community plan proposes a harvest not to exceed 340 caribou in 2016/17 harvest season supported by community-based monitoring of the harvest; establishing a no-caribou harvest zone; respectful harvesting practices; alternative harvest species and partnerships for predator management.

KHTO's proposed approach is sound from a biological point of view. The proposed actions are consistent with, and exceed, the management actions described in, for example in the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management's 2014 Management Plan for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East caribou herds. The proposed level of harvest restriction is also similar to GN's proposed Total Allowable Harvest with the additional strong advantage of community support for monitoring and additional actions.

Thank you for the proposal – this is an innovative step forward to build on Kugluktuk's knowledge and experience of the Bluenose East caribou.

Sincerely



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