

SUMMARY FOR TRANSLATION

KITIKMEOT INUIT ASSOCIATION (KIA) APPLICATION TO ADJORN NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD (NWMB) PROCEEDINGS FOR BATHURST AND BLUENOSE EAST CARIBOU HERDS TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVESTS

FOR DECISION BY NWMB

MAY 9, 2016.

- NWMB has hearings scheduled for June 13-14 (Bathurst TAH) and June 15-16 (Bluenose TAH) in Cambridge Bay.
- KIA has requested that these hearing be postponed until late September 2016. KIA is supported in this request by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB) and the affected HTOs.
- KIA the KRWB and HTOs are working together trying to develop a community based plan for control of caribou harvesting for these herds which is based on s.5.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). These Inuit organizations need more time to work on this plan.
- NWMB gave Notice of its hearing April 1. But KIA, the KRWB and HTOs were involved in both the TMAC Resources Inc. and Sabina Gold and Silver Corp. Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hearing which ran from 12-14 April and 25-30 April, respectively. Caribou concerns were major issues in these hearings as well.
- The KIA Board met the week of May 2-5, 2016. The KIA Board passed 2 resolutions.
- The first resolution commits KIA to work with the KRWB and affected HTOs to develop a management plan to control Inuit harvests, based on HTO and RWO authorities under the NLCA. This work is in progress.
- KIA also supports an increase in wolf harvesting.

- The KIA Board does not support the imposition of the TAH by NWMB on these herds at this time.
- KIA has provided NWMB with a copy of a community based plan developed in the NWT in the community of Deline as an example of what can be done at the community level to manage harvests.
- KIA's second resolution was to support Mobile Caribou Protection Measures as an alternative to imposing a TAH on the caribou herds.
- Review of the Government of Nunavut's Consultation Report in this matter shows that GN did not fully consult with Kitikmeot Inuit before recommending that TAHs be imposed. GN assumed that a TAH was the only solution to protect the Bathurst and Bluenose East herds.
- KIA, the KRWB and HTOs need more time to develop an alternative to the proposed TAHs and to work together on their plan.
- GN should work with Inuit on this initiative to develop a plan before proposing the imposition of TAHs.
- More time is needed to do this work.
- Because of the NIRB hearings KIA, KRWB and the HTOs could not do this work in April.
- KIA submits that it is better to use the co-management and local management regimes set out in the NLCA before imposing TAHs on Inuit harvesters.

KIA respectfully requests that the NWMB adjourn the Bathurst and Bluenose East hearings until late September to give Kitikmeot Inuit the opportunity to develop a locally based plan as an alternative for NWMB to consider before imposing TAHs.

KIA respectfully requests that NWMB instruct the GN to consult and work with Kitikmeot HTOs, KRWB and KIA to develop a collaborative approach to the protection of the Bathurst and Bluenose East caribou herds.

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