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John McCullum, Executive Director  
Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)  
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Friday August 30th, 2013

**Re: ENR Management Proposal for Bluenose-East Caribou - Resident Harvesting**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal put forth to the Board regarding resident harvesting of the Bluenose-East (BNE) Caribou.

Considering the reported growth in population of the BNE caribou herd, I agree with opening a limited resident harvest of bull caribou, however I request that an additional unit/area be opened for hunting, including unit R/BC/02 or segments of this area including Point Lake.

In addition to the proposal, I also respectfully request that the Board consider the opening BNE caribou to outfitters; restricted to bull caribou only and opening unit R/BC/02 or segments of until R/BC/02 including Point Lake. As you know, the BNE caribou's annual migration includes segments of unit R/BC/02 and our lodge is located in this area. Prior to the suspension of caribou hunting for commercial and resident hunters, our lodge likely harvested bulls from this herd.

This is supported by evidence made by staff of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) during the March 2010 public hearings on the joint proposal on caribou management actions in Wek'èezhìi, held in Behchoko, NT. Also, it is my understanding that ENR has conducted a monitoring program of the BNE herd that includes collaring of caribou bulls and that the BNE herd is the only herd that bulls are collared. I have photographed a number of collared bulls that have migrated through our lodge and surrounding area, further supporting that the BNE caribou migrate through this area. Please refer to photos provided on the following page.

The WRRB will have our lodge presentation and text from the 2010 public hearings and I would like to bring your attention to this information as you deliberate the proposal before you. To summarize, Peterson's Point Lake Lodge has been in operation for over thirty years. Our company has harvested 75-100 bulls per year, when allowed. We have always practiced responsible and ethical hunting with the upmost respect and care for harvested animals. And there are many socio-economic benefits as a result of the caribou outfitting industry.

Due to the suspension of the industry our lodge struggles to keep its doors open as the primary economic driver for its development was caribou outfitting. I trust that the Board will consider these facts when considering the proposal before them in addition to future management action plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad".

Owner and Lodge Operations Manager  
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