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Sahtú Renewable Resources Board

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Re: Proposed Changes to Tłıchq/Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Management Proposal

Dear Jody,

The Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed changes to the management of the Tłıchq/Bluenose-East Caribou Herd.

The SRRB recognizes the significant ecological, cultural, and socio-economic importance of barren-ground caribou to Indigenous communities and renewable resource users throughout the Northwest Territories. Decisions regarding harvest management have the potential to affect harvesters, communities, and co-management institutions well beyond the immediate range of the herd.

Given the importance and potential implications of the proposed management changes, the SRRB respectfully recommends that the matter proceed to a formal proceeding under the applicable provisions of the co-management framework. In our view, a proceeding would provide an appropriate forum to ensure that all relevant information is made available and thoroughly considered before a final decision is reached.

Specifically, the SRRB believes that a proceeding would:

- Allow for the submission and review of additional technical and scientific information;
- Provide an opportunity for Indigenous governments, co-management boards, harvesters, renewable resources councils and community members to fully participate in the process;
- Facilitate a transparent examination of the potential impacts of the proposed changes on harvesting rights, community well-being, and conservation objectives; and
- Ensure that decision-makers have the benefit of a comprehensive evidentiary record prior to making recommendations or determinations.

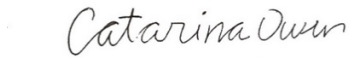


The SRRB understands the need to support the long-term conservation and sustainability of barren-ground caribou populations. However, given the significance of any changes to harvest management regimes, we believe that meaningful engagement and a thorough assessment of the available information are essential.

Accordingly, the SRRB recommends that the Board refer this matter to a formal proceeding, including opportunities for information requests, technical discussions, and, if appropriate, a public hearing.

Thank you for considering the SRRB's comments. We look forward to participating constructively in any future process and remain available to provide additional information if required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catarina Owen".

Catarina Owen
Acting Executive Director
Sahtú Renewable Resources Board