

## **Bear Baiting application renewal 2010**

To; The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the NWT.

From; True North Safaris Ltd.      August 25, 2009

Please accept this additional information to the Wildlife permit application that we submitted August 15, 2009. We understand that the application approval process will involve consultation with various interest groups and the co-management and environmental impact boards.

We accept that this is a necessary and important part of our society and political process but point out that we are a relatively small and struggling Tlicho company and are simply trying to make a living and employ a few people in traditional land based renewable resource harvesting.

This past season, May/June 2009 was the second year that True North Safaris Ltd., received permits to use baits for hunting Black Bear. Last year we harvested 2 bears and this year we had 5 hunters and harvested 3 bears. The two hunters who did not harvest bears were producing a TV show and did film some adult bears but did not harvest any.

From the three bears that were harvested, some of the meat was shared with friends and some of the bear parts were given to some elders for traditional medicine.

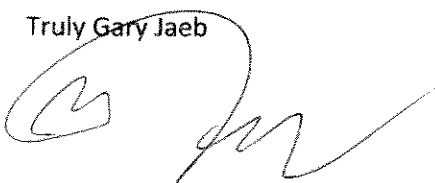
We also hosted a travel writer and expect that the TV show and the published stories may help increase the number of hunters next year.

We plan to cut trails further into the back country to expand our access to more large bears and to also further remove our activity from any public activity. As last season we will seek the approval of a Renewable Resource Officer before we establish any bait sights and we will endeavor to provide all the information required for reporting purposes.

We also request that if any concerns or complaints are received by the Department or any of the management boards, that we be informed/advised immediately so that we can deal with them if they are determined to be legitimate.

We propose to hunt in Unit "R" as outlined in the GNWT Wildlife regulations and to limit our baiting sights to the area south of the southern boundary of the Tlicho Lands, east to the shores of Great Slave Lake and south to the southern limit of Unit "R" to approximately Kilometer 125 south of Birch Creek and west to 5 kilometers west of the Mackenzie Highway. This area is part of the Tlicho settlement area known as Wek'eezhii and as Tlicho citizens, we have enjoyed the support of the Tlicho Government and WRRB in the past. We have received a land use permit from WLLB and a land lease for our base camp from INAC. We hold a valid Outfitters license issued by ENR and we have a Tourism operator license issued by ITI. We also carry \$5,000,000 liability insurance.

Truly Gary Jaeb

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