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Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board,
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Re: Wolf Cull / Management Proceeding

I write to you as a concerned environmentalist, as an Indigenous person who has held elected office and as a hunter.

My now adult children were both born in Yellowknife and spent a great deal of time on the land with me harvesting caribou, moose and fish for our own table and to supply to elders.

Like many Indigenous hunters I am deeply concerned with the steep decline in the caribou.

I am not a biologist so I do not know the finer points of trying to support one population, caribou, by culling another, wolves. But as an educated layperson I have read a great deal about culling programs and this particular program and my conclusions are:

- (1) there are often unknown and indeed unknowable consequences that result in serious negative impacts from such programs;
- (2) the easiest purported solutions, in this case a cull, are often done to appease people by offering some solution without knowing that it is the best solution; and
- (3) in seven generations I want my relatives here to be able to harvest both caribou and wolves here.

Both the caribou and the wolves were on the land where the herds are in such steep decline long before industrial development. All the proponents of the cull have a vested interest in the industrial development on the land of the caribou and the wolves.

We should all be ashamed that it has come to this.

Sincerely,



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