

MEDIA RELEASE

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NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE

BATHURST CARIBOU HERD JOINT MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

On November 5, 2009, the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) received the Bathurst Caribou Herd Joint Management Proposal. The Proposal was developed by the Tłıchǫ Government and GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It outlines proposed management actions within Wek'èezhìi Management Area that the two governments deem necessary to help the herd recover.

After reviewing the proposal on November 5 and 6, 2009, the Board has determined that the proposed management actions are such that a public hearing is necessary.

The hearing will provide the opportunity for any person to provide input into the management actions proposed by the two governments.

The hearing will be held January 11, 12 and 13, 2010 at the Behchokò Cultural Centre in Behchokò, NT.

Further public announcements will be made over the next few weeks for persons to follow to take part in the public hearing or to present a submission to the Board on the proposed actions. Interested persons are requested to watch for these announcements and other updates and respond by the dates indicated to ensure that your input is included and considered in the Board's deliberations.

After the public hearing, the Board will develop its recommendations for the two governments.

For further information on the public hearing process, contact Grant Pryznyk, Interim Chair at 873-5740 or gpryznyk@wrrb.ca.