



## **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WILD LIFE FEDERATION**

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Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board  
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Attention:                   Ms. Jody Snortland, Executive Director  
                                  Mr. Grant Pryznyk, Chairman

Dear Jody,

Re: Caribou hearings: Disclosure

As you have suggested, we have included a preliminary list of all documents that we would like disclosed for this hearing. All of the documents are relevant for numerous reasons including the nature and size of the Bathurst herd, nature and size of other herds, decline asserted by ENR, caribou management, wildlife management, independent decision making etc.

We note that the harvest by some groups may target herds other than the Bathurst. It is important to know the distribution of harvest relative to the distribution of the herds as determined by collared caribou by ENR. We also note that the locations of collared caribou have been used to justify the closing of the hunt over a large area to protect the Bathurst caribou, even though at least 2 or 3 other herds also use the Wek'eezhii area at some times of the year. Detailed examination of the movements of collared caribou may indicate closure is unnecessary.

We note that the time-lines to respond to the WRRB's request of June 15, 2010 (ie 3 days with responses due by June 18, 2010) were extremely tight and did not allow sufficient time for us to produce a complete list of documents. This would require going through all ENR and Tlicho documents on the WRRB website to identify all of the documents such as those that are "in press" or "in draft" etc . It

would also require going through the New Revised Joint Caribou proposal, which is quite an onerous task given its size and information. The time frame prescribed by the WRRB was not sufficient to do this.

We believe that ENR and the Tlicho should be disclosing everything that is in their possession that is any way related to caribou and wildlife management, whether it supports their position or not. We have noted some of the documents below. We reserve our right to review the documents that are disclosed pursuant to your letter of June 15, 2010 and to request any additional documents that may be important to this hearing or that may arise from our review of these documents.

Sincerely,



Martin Knutson  
President, NWT Wildlife Federation



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### Documents Requested for Caribou Hearings

#### Surveys

- all surveys including the draft 2009 Bathurst Caribou Survey which has not been finalized, yet a hearing has been held on same and emergency measures taken on a draft survey-apparently this document is still not for general public distribution
- all drafts of this survey prior to the final draft report
- all information related to the exclusion of 2/11 caribou in the June 2009 survey including all internal correspondence, notes, emails etc
- reasons as to what happened to the other 9 caribou that ENR had on the Bathurst Animals (had a total of 20 collared animals)- decisions were made and emergency action take in June 2009 based on 9 animals out of 32, 000 when Alberta Research Council said sample sizes of 20 were too low to draw conclusions!

#### Wolf and bear data

- all raw wolf and bear data since 1986
- all reports on wolf and bear abundance and harvest

Raw collaring data of all caribou animals since inception of the collaring program in 1996 including, all via individual animal and with assignment to herd and including the Bluenose, Bathurst, Ahiak and Beverly herds

- number of collared animals each year
- locations without deletions
- date of capture
- date of death/failure of collar
- reason for death or reason for failure
- age
- sex
- reproduction status
- assignment to herds
- location of animal when collared

- location of animal upon termination of functioning collar
- length of time on collared info
- identification of collared animals in surveys-which animals are included in ENR surveys
- all raw mortality information from collared and other animals
- calf survival raw data from 2005 and 2006 including video tapes (ENR biologists did not know how to identify yearlings)
- All ENR policies and documents regarding or in any way relevant to collared caribou, including but not limited to all emails internal and external, internal standards, ethics, correspondence with aboriginal groups over the years since inception of the collared caribou system
- All back up files of these collaring movement since 1996
- A description of how collared caribou information is recorded in the field and included in the computer system since 1996
- Computer back up system generation for the collared caribou information since 1996
- Security system in place for collared caribou system since 1996
- Authorizations for data control over the collared caribou system
- Weekly maps of caribou movements since 1996 as was available to the public in the past

Computer generated caribou movement models

- raw data for each model produced for the hearing
- all copies of draft model reports

Alberta Research Council

- All correspondence, emails- notes of conversations etc with all officials at ARC and external biologists
- All drafts of the ARC report
- All amendments to the ARC report- via email, fax, phone etc.
- All comments received from other biologists regarding the ARC report, comments and comments that were included and not included in the final report or drafts
- All correspondence with ARC before and after they were hired to produce the report and attend the hearing, including 2009 and 2010
- All correspondence and drafts regarding draft terms of reference
- All correspondence between Larry Roy, Jason Fisher, Anne Gunne, John Nishi, John Nagy, John Boulanger and ENR and officials

Contracts

- Tendering system established for ENR contracts including date of system establishment
- All payments from ENR and Tlicho to outside consultants and all contracts related thereto since 2005 including Anne Gunne/her holding company (current advisor to the WRRB and recent past ENR employee), and John

Donihee (current legal advisor to WRRB and ENR and recent legal advisor to the Tlicho) and any company they may be involved in, regarding caribou, Tlicho land claim agreement, or Wildlife Management Act

- List of all ENR employees from 1986 to date with date of employment and termination of employment

#### Harvest Data

- schedules and reports of harvest check stations including personnel, hours worked etc
- regarding check stations, all training manuals, documents confirming provision of training with dates
- all harvest data including all internal memos, emails etc related to harvest
- records of all conversations between ENR and aboriginal groups and residents regarding harvest numbers
- total harvest by Tlicho by sex and age of caribou and season
- total harvest by other first nations of the Bathurst Herd anywhere in their range, by sex and age of caribou and season
- total harvest by residents by sex and age of caribou and season
- total harvest by outfitters by sex and age of caribou and season

#### Caribou Harvest March 2010

- all documents, memos, records of conversations regarding the harvest in March of 50 animals including all documents related to ENR management of site and all photos of site
- all information obtained from this hunt

#### Community Hunts

- all documents, correspondence and memos ,records of conversations etc regarding community hunts in NWT since 1996 including harvest data and budget allocations

#### Miscellaneous

- All reports that discuss the reason for the decline
- All correspondence and records of community visits with Minister Miltenberger in March 1-June 20 2010, including all meetings with MLAS during this time period
- Invitations to participants and potential participants regarding surveys for 2009 and 2010 and all internal memos/records of conversations related thereto and failure to invite other stakeholders
- All reports, document, notes, records of telephone calls etc. in ENR'S possessions that have not been produced related to caribou (that do not necessarily support their position)
- All of Doreen Mandeville's notes (ENR contractor), including those regarding ENR meeting with interveners in April 2010

- All communication with Anne Gunne since her departure from the department and all reports and invoices issued by Anne Gunne or a related company/holding company
- List of documents completed by Anne Gunne while at ENR which ENR does not have, but are in Anne Gunne's possession
- All communication between Tlicho government and ENR, including documents, letters, faxes, emails etc
- All documents related to information regarding Tlicho in new Joint Proposal prior to this date
- All correspondence between the Minister of Environment's office and ENR staff, including all briefing notes
- All correspondence with Nunavut between the years 1996 and 2010 regarding caribou, including records of conversations and memos.- correspondence with all staff etc
- Correspondence with Nunavut regarding Ahiak survey of 2010, including all tendering documents for the contract to do the survey and ENR reasons for not conducting the survey
- All working documents of Jan Adamczewski at ENR, including those regarding the design of a calving ground survey for the Ahiah Herd
- Map of the Traditional Ahiak Calving Ground and which shows overlap with Traditional Bathurst Calving Ground and Traditional Northeast Mainland Herd
- Current ENR documents on the Northeast Mainland Herd
- Compensation systems for ENR personnel including roles and responsibilities, compensation, bonuses
- Hiring process and date of hire for Susan Fleck's position regarding Director of Wildlife
- All employee education training programs for ENR personnel since 1986
- All professional affiliations of current and former ENR staff and membership in environmental groups in the past 10 years
- All ENR internal memos, notes etc to personnel regarding interpretation of aboriginal rights, communication with communities and consultation processes
- All correspondence within ENR and Tlicho and other stakeholders whereby ENR indicates we are in an emergency situation with caribou and all supporting documents related thereto
- All communication with Government of Nunavut since its inception regarding the storage of ENR files
- All communication by ENR with Tlicho in March-May 31, 2010 regarding questions from interveners
- all communication between Tlicho/ENR with the WRRB regarding caribou
- all communication with WRRB regarding the Wildlife Management Act, including the hiring of John Donihee
- statement from Tlicho as to when legal services from Mr. John Donihee terminated or if they are ongoing or statement if Mr. Donihee has provided

- legal services to them in last 5 years and if they related to the Tlicho land claim agreement
- all correspondence, documents, memos, email and records of conversations held with respect to any aspect related to the Tlicho in the Joint Proposal and Revised Joint Proposal

Contractors

- all correspondence, memos, notes etc with John Boulanger, John Nishi, John Nagi and Anne Gunne as contractors since 1986 and any other contractors related to wildlife management
- Records of all contracts and funds paid to these individuals or associated companies

All other game wildlife

- all correspondence documents emails etc internally or externally regarding status of and management of moose, bison, wolves, bears, fish and other wild game in the NWT.

Supporting reports/documents

- all documents/reports and internal reports that are cited in any of ENR reports that ENR is relying on, including all documents that are "in press" or in draft" or listed "internal communication". Given the shortness in time to prepare this list, we were unable to prepare a full list related thereto. We note that there are many documents/ conversations etc are cited in the ENR Draft Technical Report December 17, 2009

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Rettie, J. 2008. Determining optimal radio-collar sample sizes for monitoring barren-ground caribou populations. Report to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT.

Boulanger, J. A. Gunn and M. Campbell. 2004. Survival Rate Estimates for adult female caribou in four herds of barren-ground caribou using radio-collared individuals, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Unpubl. Report for Department of Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Developemnt, Government of Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT.

#### Ahiak and Muskox Surveys

Raw data for 1986 Ahiak Calving Ground Survey as included in ENR Report 126 and as these numbers form the basis of the Ahiak herd history, including flight lines and contracts for sub-contractors including all correspondence related thereto.

All raw data for the 1996 Ahiak Survey and 1996 Muskox Survey (as the calving grounds are miraculously the same shape, chances of 100 billion to one)