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Wek'éezhii Renewable Resources Board
102 A 4504 49th Avenue
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via email: info@wrrb.ca

Dear Wek'éezhii Renewable Resources Board,

RE: Proposal to Extend Diga (Wolf) Harvesting Program

I write on behalf of the North Slave Métis Alliance ("NSMA") with regard to the Tłıchǫ Government's proposal to the Wek'éezhii Renewable Resources Board ("WRRB") to extend the Wolf Management Harvesting Program (the "Program").

We are concerned that the Program is not an effective approach to supporting the recovery of the Bluenose-East and Bathurst Caribou. Our members have reported that wolf populations in the barren grounds remain high, indicating that the program is not effectively reducing the wolf population. Additionally, we believe that the Program may even be increasing pressure from wolves on the Bluenose-East and Bathurst Caribou, as wolves from neighbouring areas take advantage of the Program's disruptions to existing packs to encroach on their territory. NSMA's preference is to postpone the decision regarding the extension of the Program until the Government of the Northwest Territories' ("GNWT") report regarding the success of the 2019-2024 Wolf Harvesting Program is released.

We are also deeply concerned about the WRRB's apparent disregard for the need to consult with NSMA. Since 2019, NSMA has consistently expressed opposition to wolf culls as a caribou management mechanism. Despite your knowledge of our position, you approved the Program for 2025 despite no consultation having occurred with NSMA and after allowing only one week for public comments, of which you did not notify NSMA. Similarly, you have not formally notified NSMA of the current proposal to extend the Program and have not made any effort to confirm whether any efforts have been made to consult with NSMA. The WRRB must do more than merely inviting public comments when it considers proposals that may adversely affect NSMA's members' Métis rights.



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Subsection G(3) of the WRRB's Rules for Management Proposals requires that all management proposals include information regarding "consultation undertaken in preparation of the Management Proposal and the results of such consultation." The Management Proposal to extend the Program includes no information regarding any consultation with NSMA. We confirm that no consultation with NSMA has occurred.

We request that the WRRB direct the applicant to engage with NSMA regarding their proposal to extend the Program. At minimum, this engagement should include an in-person meeting to discuss the risks of continuing to extend the Program in the absence of data on its effectiveness. We also request that the WRRB not issue a recommendation regarding the Program until engagement between NSMA and the applicant has been completed.

Sincerely,

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