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Attention: Mr. Grant Pryznyk, Interim Chair
Jody Snortland, Executive Director

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Re Joint Caribou Proposal: Release of Information

Thank you for your letter dated June 23, 2010 requesting additional information from ENR through information request #4. I am writing to ask that you reconsider your position regarding the release of the remaining information that I have requested, including the collaring information. This information is critical to the assessment of ENR's position, process, and the identification of appropriate management plans.

As you are aware, an extremely small number of satellite collars on NWT caribou have been used by ENR to justify their assertion that the Bathurst herd is at a critical low, and that the Bathurst animals are mainly -or the only caribou herd- in the Wek'eezhii area. ENR is stipulating that mainly Bathurst caribou are harvested in Wek'eezhii and that to preserve that herd, the overall hunt must be closed. However, it appears that 2 or 3 other herds also use the Wek'eezhii area at various times of the year. Detailed examination of the movements of collared caribou over the years will be critical in clarifying the situation, and may very well indicate that closure of harvest is unnecessary. As well, the collaring information and the other information requested will provide vital information about many of the assumptions and statements the Proponents have made in their reviews and calculations.

It is prudent for the Proponents and the WRRB to ensure transparency and disclosure in substance and process. ARC recommended disclosure and transparency. ENR accepted ARC's recommendations. To date, obtaining information from ENR has been an arduous task. Commitments are made and then retracted or not followed-through. Deals are made and discussions held behind closed doors. This is not transparency and disclosure.

I look forward to your reconsideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Karen McMaster