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Interim Chair
Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board

Via email

Request for Intervener Application – Bathurst Joint Proposal Public Hearings

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines officially requests it be included as an intervener for the January public hearings regarding new management plans for the Bathurst Caribou herd.

The Chamber was not officially invited to the proceedings despite the fact the industry may be affected by any decisions of the Wek'eezhii board regarding caribou management. Our organization was also surprised to read the documentation in which the mining industry is singled out as a contributing factor to the demise of the caribou despite the absence of any definitive science. We feel that industry should be given an opportunity to address those claims at the table and present industry's role in caribou monitoring and management.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter considering the late hour of our submission,

Sincerely,

Hugh R. Wilson
Vice President (NWT),
NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines