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Dear Mr. Judas:

Request to Extend Joint Management Proposal for Sahtì (Bluenose-East) Ekwò Herd

The Tłıchǫ Government and Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) are requesting to extend the implementation of the 2022-2024 Joint Management Proposal and varied recommendations #1 and 2 for the Sahtì (Bluenose-East) Ekwò herd by five months.

We are requesting this extension to December 1, 2024 to allow for further engagement by GNWT with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations. As the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resource Board (WRRB) is aware, the results of the 2023 Bluenose-East calving ground survey were released on November 17, 2023. The new population estimate of approximately 39,500 caribou, is a statistically significant increase over the 2021 population estimate of 23,200. Over the coming weeks, ECC will be contacting affected Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations to set up meetings to discuss what management actions they would like to be included in the next Sahtì (Bluenose-East) Ekwò herd management proposal.

We look forward to submitting a new management proposal informed by more discussions with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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