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Wildlife Research Permit Application for Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road Wildlife Effects Monitoring

Please find attached a Wildlife Research Permit application for Alicia Kelly, ECC, GNWT to conduct the project titled **“Boreal caribou and wolf monitoring program for the Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road (TASR) Project 2024-27”**.

This project will involve deploying up to 13 boreal caribou collars in the North Slave administrative region in 2024, including up to 10 collars in the Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road (TASR) study area and up to 3 collars in the North Slave portion of the Mackenzie study area east of Highway 3. In each of the subsequent two years (2025 and 2026), the project would deploy 5-10 collars on boreal caribou in the TASR area and up to 3 collars in the North Slave portion of the Mackenzie study area. The project may also deploy up to 5 collars onto wolves in the North Slave administrative region portion of boreal caribou range. Information from the collared caribou will be used in conjunction with aerial composition surveys to generate population metrics (adult female survival, calf recruitment) and to determine caribou movements and distribution. Information from collared wolves will provide information on wolf movements and distribution and to better understand predation rates on boreal caribou, moose, and bison. Monitoring of both species will assist in meeting the monitoring objectives outlined in the TASR Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan. The information from the collaring program will also contribute to regional scale efforts to develop the Wek'èezhì Boreal Caribou Range Plan.

This application is for a multi-year research permit for three years, but updates of work completed under the research permit would be provided back to IGOs each year per the requirements of multi-year permits.

A recommendation form is attached for your response. **Please email this form to alicia_kelly@gov.nt.ca by January 20, 2024.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 767-9238 ext. 53257. We appreciate your ongoing support of cooperative wildlife management.

Sincerely,

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