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Dear Mr. Judas:

**Re: Tłıchǫ Government Response to WRRB recommendations for Diga (wolf) Harvesting Program**

On February 14, 2025 Tłıchǫ Government (TG) received notice from the WRRB that it had approved the diga (wolf) harvesting management proposal submitted for review by TG on January 20, 2025.

As part of its review the WRRB has made two recommendations to TG which it would like to see implemented over the term of the TG diga harvesting management program. The two recommendations and TG's response to them are as follow:

**Recommendation #1:** As it is always important to have knowledgeable elders and/or mature harvesters present when any on-the-land training is taking place, the Board recommends that knowledgeable elders or harvesters will be present to ensure Tłıchǫ cultural values towards diga are being incorporated – especially since diga are known to be very powerful animals.

**Response:** ACCEPT

**Reasons:** TG agrees with the WRRB that it is always important to have knowledgeable elders present when any on-the-land training is taking place to ensure that our Tłıchǫ cultural values towards diga are being incorporated.

**Recommendation #2:** Data collection during the diga harvest program is critically important and should be comparable to data collected during the previous five-year period. The WRRB understands that while a diga carcass collection is no longer sponsored by the GNWT, they are collecting diga skulls. The Board recommends that, at minimum, the following should be recorded:

- Date, harvest location, and sex of the diga.
- Number of days spent hunting, and the distance traveled to quantify hunter harvest effort.
- Skull collected as a tooth can be aged.
- In the field and prior to skinning, weigh the diga carcass to help in distinguishing younger age classes.

**Response: ACCEPT**

**Reasons:** TG agrees with the WRRB that data collection during the TG diga harvest management program is important and will make best efforts to collect the data listed in this recommendation.

In addition to the two recommendations above, the WRRB has asked that at the completion of the TG diga harvest management program for TG to provide it a report on the effectiveness of the program. TG will be pleased to provide that report to the WRRB once all the information, data, observations, etc., have been collected and analysed by TG. Once complete, TG will provide a report to the WRRB on the program.

In closing, TG thanks the WRRB for its continued support and looks forward to our continuing collaboration concerning diga management and monitoring activities in Wek'èezhìi.

In Tłıchǫ unity,



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