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Via Email

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December 6, 2013

Dear: Mr. Pryznyk

Re: 2013/2014 Bathurst Caribou Herd Management Recommendations

The Tłı̨chǫ Government has received your letter dated May 31, 2013 regarding the Boards 2013/2014 Bathurst Caribou Herd Management Recommendations. These recommendations included:

- 1) That commercial, outfitted and resident harvesting of Bathurst Caribou within Wek'èezhìi remain at zero for the 2013/2014 harvesting season (WRRB recommendations #2, 3 and 5);
- 2) That the harvest target for Bathurst caribou will remain at 300 caribou for the 2013/2014 harvesting season. The harvest target of 300 Bathurst caribou should be allocated as follows: 150 to Tłı̨chǫ Citizens and 150 to Members of other Aboriginal people with rights to hunt in Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nı̨łtłèè. TG should determine distribution of the allocation within Tłı̨chǫ communities and GNWT should determine distribution of the allocation to members of an Aboriginal people with rights to hunt in Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nı̨łtłèè in consultation with those groups (WRRB recommendations #7 and 8, as varied by GNWT & TG);
- 3) That the harvest of Bathurst caribou should target an 80:20 bull/cow harvest ratio (WRRB recommendation #9, as varied by GNWT & TG);

- 4) That WRRB recommendations #28 to 41, as varied by GNWT & TG, related to caribou monitoring remain in place;
- 5) That WRRB recommendations #42 and 43 related to developing and implementing conservation education programs remain in place;
- 6) That WRRB recommendations #44 to 46, as varied by GNWT & TG, related to the adaptive co-management framework remain in place;
- 7) That WRRB recommendations #47, 48, 50 and 51, as varied by GNWT & TG, related to development, habitat and wildlife management continue to be implemented;
- 8) That WRRB recommendations #52 and 53 related to wolf management remain in place;
- 9) That collaborative work between TG, GNWT and the WRRB towards long-term Bathurst caribou management continue (WRRB recommendation #55); and
- 10) That the above recommendations are implemented as of August 1, 2013 and that consultations regarding the recommendations take place immediately

The Tłıchǵ Government agrees with maintaining the recommendations for the harvest year of 2013/14 in light of the fact that an updated co-management proposal has not yet been completed.

As an additional update, TG and ENR are working on this proposal as per our letter dated May 6, 2013. Now that TG elections are over, we have continued moving forward with this important work and will be moving forward with Consultation with our communities soon after the Christmas break.

We look forward to the two Governments and the Board continuing to work together in co-management of the Bathurst Caribou Herd.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kerri Garner, Manager, Lands section, Department of Culture and Lands Protection at kerrigarner@tlicho.com or call (867) 392-6381 Ext. 1355.

Sincerely,



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