



April 19, 2022

Mr. Joseph Judas, Chair
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Dear Mr. Judas:

Joint Management Proposal for Kòk'èeti (Bathurst) Ekwò Herd

The Tłıchǫ Government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories would like to thank you for your letter of March 25, 2022 requesting additional information on the joint management proposal for the Kòk'èeti (Bathurst) Ekwò herd.

We provide for your reference, the 2021 Calving Ground Survey Report for the Kòk'èeti (Bathurst) Ekwò herd which addresses questions 1 and 2. Specifically, information on vital rates is provided in the *Demographic Modeling* section of the report; information on statistical power to detect change is provide in the section on *Estimates of Bathurst Herd Size in 2021 and Comparison with 2018 Estimates*; information on the apparent increase in adult bulls is provided in Appendix 6 of the report; and information on the fates of collared Bathurst cows that switched to the Beverly herd in 2018, 2019 and 2021 is provided in Appendix 8 of the report with a more fulsome consideration of the topic in the *Discussion*.

In response to question 1(c) providing a technical rational for the proposed additional calving ground survey, and question 3 related to the importance of refugia please see the additional attachments to this letter.

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We look forward to hearing from the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) on our proposal and are happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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