



April 19, 2022

Mr. Joseph Judas, Chair
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Dear Mr. Judas:

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

The Tłı̨chǫ 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 Sahtì (Bluenose-East) Ekwò herd.

We provide, for your reference, the 2021 Calving Ground Survey Report for the Sahtì (Bluenose-East) Ekwò herd which addresses the items in your first question. Specifically, information on vital rates is provided in the *Demographic Analysis* and *Demographic Modeling* sections of the report; information on statistical power to detect change is provided in a section on *Estimates of Bluenose-East Herd Size in 2021 and Comparison with 2018 Estimates*; and information on the apparent increase in adult bulls is provided in Appendix 5 of the report.

We also provide an additional attachment to this letter which addresses your second question on refugia.

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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