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Dear Mr. Judas:

Request to extend Joint Management Proposal for Kòk'èetı (Bathurst) Ekwò Herd

The Tłıchǫ Government and the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Environment and Climate Change are requesting to extend the implementation of the 2022-2024 Joint Management Proposal and varied recommendation #4 for the Kòk'èetı (Bathurst) Ekwò herd by one year.

We are requesting this extension to July 2025 because the GNWT is planning to conduct a calving ground survey of the Bathurst herd in June 2024, which will provide an updated population estimate by December 2024. The most recent Bathurst population estimate was obtained in June 2022. Extending the current management proposal by one year would thus allow the next joint management proposal to be informed by a more recent population estimate.

We look forward to hearing from the WRRB on this request for extension and are happy to contribute to Board proceedings on these caribou management and monitoring actions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 2022-2024 Joint Management Proposal for Kòk'èetı (Bathurst) Ekwò Herd
Joint Response to WRRB Recommendations - Kòk'èetı (Bathurst) Ekwò Herd

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