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Via Email
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Re: Wildlife Research Permit application – Collaring of Bathurst Barren-ground Caribou at Summer Water Crossings on the Tundra

Dear Mr. Adamczewski & Ms. Williams:

As per section 12.5.1 of the Tł̨chq̨ Agreement, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) considers the above-mentioned Wildlife Research Permit application for collaring Bathurst barren-ground caribou at summer water crossings on the tundra as a management proposal.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions for July 2024 to August 2028:

- Deploy up to 40 collars on Bathurst bulls and cows at water crossings on Contwoyto and surrounding lakes;
- Collars will be placed in areas having primarily existing Bathurst collared caribou nearby;
- Caribou groups near Contwoyto Lake and surrounding lakes will be monitored closely by Ekwò Nàxoèhdee K'è Guardians and Environment & Climate Change, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) staff when in proximity to known water crossings;
- Individual caribou will be captured and pulled towards a boat, powered by an outboard motor, using a shepherd's crook; and,
- In addition to the attachment of the satellite collar, photos will be taken of the caribou's head with the collar number displayed in the image and the incisor teeth to assess approximate age. Hair from between the shoulders will be sampled and faecal samples will be taken, where possible. No other measurements will be taken to reduce handling time.

The WRRB has no concerns with the project and approves the application as presented, pending Wildlife Care Committee approval (Motion #922-16-05-2024). The WRRB requests that results be provided to the Board annually and upon completion of work and asks that our office be contacted if there is any opportunity for Board or staff involvement in your work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,



Joseph Judas
Chair

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