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Dear Sirs:

WRRB role in Bathurst Caribou Herd Management Proposal

The Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB or the Board) has recently provided you correspondence with respect to our request for your governments to jointly develop a Bathurst caribou management proposal and a Draft Interim Rule outlining the process by which the Board will review proposals. Further to this, the Board would like to clarify our role in developing and reviewing a joint wildlife management proposal for the Bathurst caribou herd.

We understand that, in addition to your own background research and analysis, your governments are organizing gatherings, workshops and meetings to discuss the issue of caribou management with Tłıchǵ citizens, scientists, other experts and stakeholders in seeking guidance on the development of a management proposal. Although, the WRRB must remain unbiased and cannot be directly involved in proposal development, there are some key areas where we need to be aware and supportive of the process:

1. The Board requests that our staff and/or Board members be given observer status at any upcoming meetings, workshops or other opportunities that your governments are providing such that they may incorporate any information shared at these venues in the Board's consideration of the proposal.

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2. While, the Draft Interim Rule provides guidance on the contents WRRB expects to see in any wildlife management proposal, our staff is currently working with our Board to clarify the specific content we wish to see in a Bathurst caribou management proposal. We expect we could advise you on this by the middle of September.
3. Board staff and its advisors, upon your request, could review a Draft proposal and provide comment prior to submission on October 31st.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at 873-5740.

Yours truly,



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