



NOTICE OF DECISION – DÌGA (WOLF) MANAGEMENT

On January 31, 2020, Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Tłıchǫ Government (TG) submitted a joint management proposal, entitled “Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Wolves (dìga) on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (ǵekwǝ) Herd Winter Ranges: 2020 – 2025” (“the Proposal”). Following an initial assessment of the Proposal, the WRRB determined that a Level 2 review was appropriate. Therefore, on March 2, 2020, the Board established a proceeding and an online public registry.

On March 9, 2020, after hearing from the GNWT and TG, the WRRB held an emergency meeting and revised the procedure to be used to review the Proposal. The WRRB decided to amend its procedure for the review of the 2020 dìga management actions as proposed in the dìga joint management proposal to a Level 1 review. The Board decided to treat the 2020 dìga management actions as a pilot project only, and, as such, approved the proposed 2020 dìga management actions in the Proposal.

The Board requested that the GNWT and TG resubmit the dìga management actions proposed for 2021-2025 in the Proposal for a Level 2 review with the inclusion of lessons learned from the implementation of the 2020 management actions. On August 25, 2020, GNWT and TG submitted a revised joint management proposal, entitled “Revised Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Wolves (dìga) on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (ǵekwǝ) Herd Winter Ranges: 2021 – 2024” (“the Revised Proposal”). Based on the WRRB’s Rule for Management Proposals, the Board deemed a Level 2 Proceeding to be sufficient to serve the public interest.

Following the completion of the Science Technical Session on October 5, 2020 and the Traditional Knowledge Technical Session on October 13, 2020, the WRRB met and reviewed its work plan and schedule to discuss whether a public hearing would be required to ensure sufficient consultation. The Board has determined that no significant public concern has been identified and, as such, will not hold a public hearing for the 2020 Wolf Management Proceeding.

The public written comment period remains open until October 23, 2020. Anyone interested in providing comment on the dìga revised joint management proposal may do so in writing through email or fax.

Documents posted to the Public Registry for the 2020 Wolf Management Proceeding can be viewed at: www.wrrb.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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