



November 13, 2009

To: Distribution List

Proposal on Bathurst Caribou Herd Management
submitted jointly by Tłıchǫ Government and GNWT Environment and Natural Resources

On November 5th, 2009, the Tłıchǫ Government and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) jointly submitted a proposal to the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) outlining proposed management actions for the recovery of the Bathurst caribou herd. The proposal has been posted on ENR's website <http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/>.

On November 5th and 6th, the WRRB met to review the joint proposal. The WRRB considers any restriction of harvest or component of harvest as the establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest and in such cases is required to hold a public hearing. The Board has set a tentative date for a public hearing of January 11-13th, 2010 at the Behchokǫ Cultural Centre. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information from Tłıchǫ Government and ENR regarding the proposal and allow interveners and the public an opportunity to express their views.

Under s. 12.5.4 of the Tłıchǫ Agreement, WRRB is required to consult with other management authorities that have jurisdiction over migratory wildlife before making its decisions or recommendations. In addition to management actions proposed for the Bathurst caribou herd, the proposal also presents actions to be applied to the Bluenose East and Ahiak herds. If you have any information that should come before the Board during the proceeding we ask that you please provide it for our consideration. We also ask that you notify the WRRB if there is any additional information you require to meet your management responsibilities.

Process and Schedule

All parties interested in participating in the proceeding are requested to notify the Board in writing by November 18th, 2009 providing contact information, a brief description of your issue or concern, and indication as to whether you intend to participate in the public hearing.

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The steps in the procedure and associated dates are shown below:

Receipt of proposal	November 5 th , 2009
Public notice of proceeding	November 11 th , 2009
Identification of interveners	November 18 th , 2009
Issuance of information requests	November 23 rd , 2009
Responses from ENR and interveners	November 30 th , 2009
Receipt of interventions	December 16 th , 2009
Submission of presentations	January 5 th , 2010
Public hearing	January 11-13 th , 2010
WRRB decision	February 12 th , 2010

Public Registry

A notice has been placed in northern newspapers regarding the proceeding and how individuals can participate. The WRRB's website will be used as the primary means to keep participants and the public informed on the schedule of events. An online public registry will be set up shortly on our website (www.wrrb.ca) providing public access to all relevant documents.

If you have any questions related to the proceeding itself I can be reached by phone at 873-5740 or by email at gpryznyk@wrrb.ca. WRRB will initiate a pre-hearing conference in early January to discuss processes specific to the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,



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