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Re: WRRB Public Hearing, 5-6 August 2010

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) will be reconvening its public hearing for the *Revised Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhìi* on 5-6 August 2010 in Behchokǫ, NT to hear closing comments from all Registered Parties, including the Government of the Northwest Territories and Tłı̨chǫ Government. The attachments provide instructions regarding the requirements for closing comments as well as a draft schedule for the public hearing.

The WRRB looks forward to finalizing work on this critical issue with all involved. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jsnortland@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Grant Pryznyk".

J. Grant Pryznyk
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Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board

Public Hearing Instructions

During the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board's (WRRB) March 22-26, 2010 public hearing, the Tł'chǫ Government (TG) along with the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) support, requested an adjournment to develop a more collaborative revised proposal. On May 31, 2010, the WRRB received the *Revised Joint Proposal on Caribou Management in Wek'èezhì* from the GNWT and TG. Following close review of the information, the WRRB accepted the proposal as submitted and considered the proposal a revision only of the original November 5, 2009 joint proposal.

As a part of the overall Proceeding, the WRRB has decided to reconvene the public hearing on August 5-6, 2010 in Behchokǫ, NT, with a focus on the harvesting management actions (#1 to 5) of the Revised Joint Management Proposal:

1. Eliminate all commercial meat tags.
2. Eliminate all tags for outfitting.
3. Eliminate all resident hunter harvest.
4. Recommended Bull Harvest: Limit harvest to $300 \pm 10\%$ Bathurst caribou of which 80% (i.e. 240 animals) would be male. Allocation of Bathurst caribou among Tł'chǫ communities to be discussed by communities, but preference to Wekweètì is recommended. Allocation within and outside Wek'èezhì to be discussed further with other Aboriginal groups.
5. Recommended Cow Harvest: Limit harvest of females to < 20% of the targeted caribou hunt (i.e. < 60 animals).

Following the public hearing, the WRRB will review all information received during its Proceeding and make recommendations to the GNWT and TG related to the entire Revised Joint Management Proposal.

Format of WRRB Public Hearing

- Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
- Presentation by GNWT & TG followed by a question period.
- Closing statements by Registered Parties, GNWT, TG, and the Co-Chairs.
- Adjournment

- GNWT & TG will be given 30 minutes to make a presentation on the Revised Joint Management Proposal followed by a one hour question period.
- All Registered Parties will be allowed 20 minutes to review their intervention and make closing comments. More than one person can deliver closing comments but the 20 minute time limit still applies. The WRRB cautions that closing comments must be related to Actions #1-5 of the revised joint management proposal. ** In the interest of time, Shoshone Wilderness Adventures/Qaivvik Ltd/Caribou Pass Outfitters will be allowed to present once for 30 minutes.
- GNWT and TG will be allowed 30 minutes each to make their closing comments. More than one person can deliver closing comments but the 30 minute time limit still applies.
- All Registered Parties, GNWT and TG must provide a digital copy of their presentation and speaking notes to the WRRB by July 30, 2010. No new evidence may be submitted after July 30th; therefore, presentations may not be changed. Registered Parties, GNWT and TG should provide 25 printed copies of their presentation to the Executive Director at the hearing. Copies of speaking notes will assist the interpreters and those preparing transcripts of the hearing.
- All presentations and oral statements must avoid disparaging and disrespectful comments.
- Following the adjournment of the hearing and after careful review of all of the information presented at the hearing, the WRRB will provide its recommendations to GNWT and TG by no later than October 9, 2010.
- All documents pertaining to the hearing can be found on the WRRB's public registry: www.wrrb.ca

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Public Hearing Draft Schedule

August 5-6, 2010

Behchokǫ̀ Cultural Centre, Behchokǫ̀, NT

Day 1 – August 5

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

- * Opening Prayer
- * Opening Statement – Co-Chairs
- * GNWT- Tłı̨chǫ̨ Govt Presentation 30 min
- Question Period 1 hr
- * Closing Comments (20 min each)
 1. Anne Gunn (Expert Witness)
 2. Shoshone Wilderness Adventures/ Qaivvik Ltd/Caribou Pass Outfitters (30 min)
 3. Bathurst Inlet Developments
 4. Arctic Safaris
 5. Yellowknives Dene First Nation
 6. City of Yellowknife
 7. Karen McMaster

Day 2 – August 6

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

- * Opening Prayer
- * Closing Comments (20 min each)
 1. North Slave Métis Alliance
 2. NWT Wildlife Federation
 3. Northwest Territories Tourism
 4. Peterson's Point Lake Lodge
 5. Robert Turner
 6. Rabasca's Resources
- * Closing Comments (30 min each)
 1. GNWT
 2. Tłı̨chǫ̨ Government
- * Co-Chairs Closing Comments & Adjournment
- * Closing Prayer