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Re: Request to Post Documents

Further to the Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board's (WRRB) 5 March 2010 request to post additional documents to its public registry, the Board has decided to withdraw its request. Several intervenors have identified concerns with the timing and necessity of the documents.

Based on recent comments received, the WRRB feels it is necessary to once again clarify two points:

1. The WRRB initiated a Proceeding related to the Bathurst Caribou Joint Management Proposal, submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories and Tłı̨chǫ Government. The Proceeding encompasses the entire Joint Management Proposal, including nine management actions and eleven monitoring actions. As a part of the overall Proceeding, the WRRB has decided to hold a public hearing, March 22-26, 2010 in Behchokö, NT, with a focus on the harvesting management actions (#1 to 5) of the Joint Management Proposal. 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 Joint Management Proposal. Original letter sent 30 November 2009.
2. Dr. Anne Gunn has been retained as an independent expert for the WRRB's public hearing. The Board's approach to retaining Dr. Gunn was developed with the goal of ensuring that she could contribute to the hearing while ensuring that the requirements of fairness are met. Dr. Gunn will file evidence and be at the hearing available for questioning in the same way as any of the intervenors. Dr. Gunn will also be able to question the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Tłı̨chǫ Government or any intervener should she choose to do so. Dr. Gunn will play no part in the Board's deliberations on the proposal after the hearing is over and the record is closed. Original letter sent 22 December 2009.

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
Interim Chair

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