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Re: Wildlife Research Permit Application Amendment – Monitoring of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly Caribou Herds

Dear Ms. Williams:

As per section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) considers the above-mentioned Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application amendment for monitoring activities on Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly Caribou Herds as a management proposal.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following additional monitoring actions for Jan 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024:

- Add 20 audiloggers total to 20 of the collars going out on Kòk'èetì and Sahtì Ekwò in the spring of 2024;
- Audiloggers weigh less than 150 g each and would be attached from March to September 2024, when they will be programmed to fall off the collars; and,
- Audiloggers will record caribou behaviour such as digestion, foraging, insect harassment, industrial noise, and the noise of calves.

The WRRB has taken a Level 1 review, as outlined in the Board's Rule for Management Proposals. The WRRB has no concerns with the project as presented in your application and looks forward to receiving results from the upcoming field season (Motion #893-15-12-2023). The Board asks to be contacted if there is any opportunity for Board or staff involvement in your work.

The WRRB requests that upon completion of each monitoring action an update will be provided to the Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,



Joseph Judas
Chair

Cc Michael Birlea, Manager, Culture and Lands Protection, Tłı̨chǫ Government
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