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Via Email

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Re: Wildlife Research Permit application – Collaring of Bathurst Barren-ground Caribou in fall (October) using net-gun captures

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 application for collaring Kòk'èetì Ekwò (Bathurst barren-ground caribou) in the fall as a management proposal.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions for October 15 to November 15, 2024:

- Deploy up to 40 collars on Kòk'èetì Ekwò (30 on cows and 10 on bulls);
- Collars will be placed in areas having primarily existing Kòk'èetì collared ekwò nearby;
- Capture will occur by net gun from a helicopter with an experienced gunner; and,
- Crew will avoid rugged terrain to limit the likelihood of injuring caribou.

The WRRB has no concerns with the project and approves the application as presented, pending Wildlife Care Committee approval (Motion #939-10-10-2024). The WRRB requests that results be provided to the Board annually and upon completion of work and asks that our office be contacted if there is any opportunity for Board or staff involvement in your work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,



Joseph Judas
Chair

Cc Michael Birlea, Manager
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