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Re: Wildlife Research Permit application – Wolf Detection Survey and Kill Site Investigations

Dear Dr. Hodson,

As per section 12.5.1 of the Tłıchq Agreement, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) considers the above-mentioned Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application as a management proposal. The Board understands the goal of this project is to continue dıga den surveys and pup counts within the Kqk'èetı Ekwò (Bathurst caribou) summer range to compare against the results of previous surveys completed since 2007. This data will help assess how dıga den occupancy and abundance is changing with population changes of ekwò, and how a recent 5-year management program (2019-2024) to increase ground-based harvest of dıga has impacted the population.

The WRRB understands the management proposal, planned from May 2026 to September 2030 across the North Slave Region, to include the following:

- An aerial survey for dıga dens during late May of each year using a small-fixed wing aircraft focusing on eskers within the Kqk'èetı Ekwò summer range in the North Slave Region, NWT and including Contwoyto Lake area in Nunavut;
- Determine the number of active dens (i.e., wolf present at den site);
- Revisit den sites in August using a small-fixed wing aircraft to confirm the number of pups present at each den site; and,
- Deploy cameras and sound recording units in September at dıga den sites (identified in May) and pair random locations to determine pack size, productivity, and pup survival along with presence and abundance of co-occurring mammals.

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. We encourage community members with local Tłıchq knowledge to participate in the program whenever possible. The WRRB looks forward to receiving results from the upcoming field season.

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

Sincerely,

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