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**Re: Kòk'èetì Ekwò (Bathurst Caribou) Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Clark:

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has a mandate for wildlife, plants, forests, and protected areas in Wek'èezhì and adheres to the principles and practices of conservation in fulfilling its duties. The Board makes decisions and recommendations on an ecosystemic basis using Tłchq knowledge, science, and expert opinion. At its recent September 2021 meeting, the Board reviewed the *Bathurst Caribou Management Plan (BCMP)* and the *Bathurst Caribou Management Plan | What We Heard Summary*, which were submitted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories as a wildlife management proposal on August 20, 2021.

The WRRB understands that the main goal of the BCMP, which was developed collaboratively by the Bathurst Caribou Advisory Committee (BCAC), is to guide the short-term recovery and long-term resilience of the Kòk'èetì Ekwò herd through management actions related to harvest, habitat and range management, predator relationships, research and monitoring, and communication and education. Further, the Board understands that the status of Kòk'èetì Ekwò will be determined annually by BCAC through discussion of all relevant Indigenous, community, and scientific information for the herd. As such, the WRRB approves the Bathurst Caribou Management Plan as presented (Motion #780-01-09-2021).

The WRRB encourages ENR and BCAC to implement the BCMP as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or [jpellissey@wrrb.ca](mailto:jpellissey@wrrb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Judas".

Joseph Judas  
Chair

Cc Heather Sayine-Crawford, Director, Wildlife  
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