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Re: Revised Joint Proposal Recommendations Report – Clarifications

Dear Mr. Campbell:

As per your letter of 26 October 2010, the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) provides the following clarifications to the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR):

1. *Recommendation #54 – ENR would like to confirm this statement in the text means the Board is supportive of revising the opening date established through the interim emergency measures from January 1 to September 1.*
 - Although wood bison are classified as Threatened under the *Species at Risk Act*, based on information available in the Draft Wood Bison Management Strategy, the WRRB does not believe that maintaining the two management zones and quotas and changing the seasons for both zones to begin September 1st and close April 15th will result in irreparable harm to the wood bison population over the next two years. The joint management proposal for wood bison in Wek'èezhìi, to be submitted by the fall of 2011, should substantiate the zones, quotas and season changes made through the Interim Emergency Measure.
2. *Recommendation #58 – ENR would appreciate clarification if the Board is referring to consultations between ENR and the Tł'chǫ Government to develop a response.*
 - The WRRB was referring to consultations with Tł'chǫ citizens regarding the Recommendations Report and its subsequent implementation by January 1, 2011.

If you have any further questions, the WRRB would be willing to meet with both ENR and Tł'chǫ Government to ensure timely implementation of the Board's recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Grant Pryznyk".

J. Grant Pryznyk
Interim Chair

cc Susan Fleck, Wildlife Director, ENR
Alphonse Apples, I/Grand Chief, TG
Laura Duncan, Tł'chǫ Executive Officer, TG