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**Re: Fisheries Management Plan for the Tł̨chq Highway and Lac la Martre**

Dear Mr. Rahman:

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 Tł̨chq knowledge, science, and expert opinion. At its recent February 2022 meeting, the Board reviewed the *Fisheries Management Plan for the Tł̨chq Highway and Lac la Martre*, which was submitted by the Department of Infrastructure (INF), Government of the Northwest Territories as a wildlife management proposal on January 24, 2022.

The WRRB understands that the objectives of the fisheries management plan are to describe the fishery, the potential impacts from the Tł̨chq Highway project, mitigation measures, and monitoring plans to manage any changes into the future. Further, the Board understands that a separate, more detailed Lac la Martre Fisheries Management Plan is being developed, and when completed, it will address management measures for the effective management of fishery resources in areas along the highway corridor and in Lac la Martre. As such, the WRRB approves the *Fisheries Management Plan for the Tł̨chq Highway and Lac la Martre* as presented (Motion #805-08-02-2022).

The WRRB does request that, before finalizing the fisheries management plan, that an appendix be added to include fish species found along the highway corridor and in Lac la Martre. Further, the Board recommends that the fisheries management plan be operational by Spring 2022 with an increased presence and/or regular patrols by Fisheries and Oceans Canada Fishery Officers. Finally, the WRRB recommends that the Tł̨chq Government continue to inform Whatì residents about all ongoing projects related to the Tł̨chq Highway.

The Board looks forward to working with INF and other stakeholders to adaptively manage the fisheries management plan. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Judas" clearly distinguishable.

Joseph Judas  
Chair

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