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Re: Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhìi: 2014 – 2019

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) is in receipt of the Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG) and the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories' letter, dated 15 September 2014, which defers the consideration of the Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhìi: 2014-2019 until the proposed management actions are confirmed or revised.

To date, ENR has conducted one Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou Technical Working Group workshop on 9-10 October, with another planned for 22-23 October. The Working Group has been tasked with developing a draft action plan to address the gaps and challenges for the caribou herds, which will be used by leadership for discussion and direction at a meeting in early November. As the WRRB is committed to the process for both short-term actions and long-term management planning for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds, the Board has been participating in the technical workshops. However, the WRRB would like to remind TG and ENR of Section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement that states *"A Party shall, before taking any action for management of wildlife in Wek'èezhìi, including such actions as set out in a management plan, submit its proposals to the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board for review under 12.5.4"*, as well as the Board's Rule for Management Proposals (July 2014).

Further, the WRRB wishes to remind TG and ENR that the *"Taking Care of Caribou: The Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds Management Plan"* has been signed off in principle and within that plan is a management framework that the co-management boards have all agreed to it. The development of an Action Plan for the Bluenose East herd has been made a priority by the Advisory Committee for Cooperation of Wildlife Management.

The WRRB looks forward to receiving the revised Joint Management Proposal from TG and ENR and look forward to continued collaboration on Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou herds management. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jsnortland@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,



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