



November 24, 2009

Mr. Gary A. Bohnet
Deputy Minister
Environment and Natural Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Bohnet:

Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhì - Consultation Issues Raised by NSMA

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) has submitted an application for Intervener status seeking the opportunity to participate in the proceeding which will address the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Tłıchǵ Government's Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhì (the Proposal). The NSMA application raises the issue of aboriginal consultation.

In the summary of Intervention section of the form, the NSMA stated that there was:

- [a] failure of Canada, ENR, Tłıchǵ, and WRRB to adequately Consult with the North Slave Métis People;
- infringement of Aboriginal Rights of the North Slave Métis People;
- infringement of the Treaty Rights of the North Slave Métis People; and,
- [a] failure of WRRB and ENR to comply with 12.1.6 of the Tłıchǵ Agreement.

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board considers it important to bring this matter to your attention. I have attached a copy of the NSMA's Intervention Form to this letter.

The Board will be seeking evidence from GNWT in relation to its efforts to ensure that Métis people have been consulted about the wildlife management actions set out in the Proposal. We look forward to receiving this information as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grant Pryzyk".

Grant Pryzyk
Interim Chair

Attachment

cc. Board counsel