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

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) received the Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhì: 2014-2019 on June 30, 2014 from the Tłıchǫ Government (TG) and the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories. On July 11, 2014, the WRRB informed TG and ENR that the management proposal was deemed incomplete until receipt of consultation reports from both governments. To date, both consultation reports remain outstanding.

At the recent August 27, 2014 meeting between the Minister of ENR, Aboriginal leaders and wildlife management authorities, discussions focused on the results of the June 2014 reconnaissance surveys for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds, which suggest a declining trend for both herds. While 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 is unclear whether the current joint management proposal will remain as is or will require revisions. As the WRRB is scheduled to meet during the week of October 6, the Board would like confirmation by no later than September 19, 2014 about TG and ENR's intentions regarding the joint management proposal.

The WRRB looks forward to continued collaboration with TG and ENR on Bathurst Caribou herd management. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jsnortland@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

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

Grant Pryzyk
Interim Chair

Cc Ernie Campbell, Deputy Minister, ENR
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Laura Duncan, Tłıchǫ Executive Officer, TG
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