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Re: Regulation Changes to Wildlife Management Barren-ground Caribou Areas R/BC/02 and R/BC/03

Dear Ms. Sayine-Crawford:

During its recent September 2022 meeting, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) reviewed the management proposal, entitled "*Regulation Changes to Wildlife Management Barren-ground Caribou Areas R/BC/02 and R/BC/03*", submitted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories and supported by the Tłıchǫ Government. As per Sections 12.5.1 and 12.5.4 of the Tłıchǫ Agreement, the WRRB approves the proposed border change for R/BC/02 and R/BC/03 to reflect winter ranges that Beverly and Kòk'èetì Ekwò currently use in the eastern portion of Wildlife Management Zone R (Motion #826-14-09-2022). The Board understands that the revised boundaries will allow for the harvest of Beverly Ekwò in an enlarged R/BC/03 where no authorizations are required, making enforcement easier on the ground for harvesters, officers, and monitors.

The Board would like to stress the importance of educating all Northwest Territories harvesters, particularly Tłıchǫ citizens, about the boundary changes, the requirement for authorizations for harvest of the Sahtì Ekwò within R/BC/01 and R/BC/02, and the importance of the Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone and how its implementation impacts on harvesters.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jpellissey@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,



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