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Re: Management Proposal for Amendments to the Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou (Kųk'èetì Ekwų) Management Zone Regulations

Dear Ms. Clark and Ms. Steinwand-Deschambeault:

During its recent August 2020 meeting, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) reviewed the proposed regulation amendments for the *Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone Regulations* to support the removal of the term “barren-ground”, as submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Tłı̨chų Government (TG).

As per Sections 12.5.1 and 12.5.4 of the Tłı̨chų Agreement, the WRRB supports the amendments required to ensure the zone can be applied wherever it is needed and apply to any type of caribou found within it. The Board agrees that the amendment maximizes conservation protection efforts and affirms the GNWT and TG's commitments to do everything possible for the Kųk'èetì Ekwų herd. As such, the WRRB supports amending the *Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone Regulations* by removing the term “barren-ground” from Sections 1, 2(1), and 2(2) (Motion #709-26-08-2020).

The Board would like to stress the importance of educating all Northwest Territories harvesters, particularly Tłı̨chų citizens, about 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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