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Re: Proposal to Extend Dìga (Wolf) Harvesting Program

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter, dated December 11, 2025, providing North Slave Metis Alliance's (NSMA) comments on the Tł'chǫ Government's (TG) *Management Proposal for Dìga (Wolf) Harvesting Program Amendment*. During their recent December 2025 meeting, the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) reviewed all the available information, including NSMA's comments, for the proposed six-month extension request to the diga harvesting program. Though it is understood that there may be few significant impacts to Ekwǫ (barren-ground caribou) recovery with the dìga harvesting program, the Board also recognizes the concern that dìga populations may rapidly increase if harvesting is stopped. Therefore, the Board has approved the extension request for the Dìga Harvesting Program from January 1, 2026 to June 1, 2026.

The WRRB understands that the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of the Northwest Territories and TG are currently conducting a comprehensive assessment of the 2019-2024 dìga management program to determine whether the objectives have been met, not met, or partially met. Outcomes of the evaluation will inform the Board on whether further predator management actions are warranted and provide guidance on how to implement them.

The WRRB notes NSMA's concerns with respect to the Board's process for reviewing management proposals submitted as per Section 12.5.1 of the Tł'chǫ Agreement. The Board has ensured that all predator management proposals have been posted to its online management proposal page or public registry for a minimum of two working weeks. An email notification system is available for organizations to be informed when new management proposals have been added. If NSMA has not already done so, they can sign up for email notifications here:

<https://wrrb.ca/management-proposals>. Engagements with Tł'chǫ elders and harvesters have been conducted by TG. The WRRB has no authority to direct TG to engage with other Indigenous governments or organizations. As such, the WRRB has complied with its legal obligations and has followed its process as outlined in its Rule for Management Proposals.

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The WRRB is willing to review its obligations for management proposals with the NSMA to ensure a better understanding of the process. The Board looks forward to continued collaboration with NSMA regarding wildlife management and monitoring actions in Wek'èezhìi. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Judas".

Joseph Judas
Chair