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Via Email
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Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Ekwò Nàxoèhdee K'è (Boots on the Ground) Program

Dear Mr. Jacobsen,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the project are to 1) monitor current conditions of the Kòk'èeti ekwò (Bathurst caribou) herd and its habitat, 2) assess monitoring indicators, including environment and ʔekwò (barren-ground caribou) habitat, ʔekwò, predators, and industrial disturbance, and 3) observe health aspects and behavioral patterns of Kòk'èeti ekwò and potential effects from natural and human factors on the herd.

The proposed research, scheduled for July 3 to September 28, 2021 at Kòk'èeti (Contwoyto Lake) and Deèzàati (Point Lake), involves the following:

- Seven teams (consisting of 8 people) will alternate three-week shifts.
- Teams will move from their camp daily by boat to move along the shores of the large lakes and will observe the herds using binoculars and scope from the boat or while on foot.
- Monitoring will consist of a combination of recording daily wildlife observation and the traditional knowledge of the elders and harvesters.
- Teams will collect caribou fecal samples opportunistically to analyze ʔekwò diet and habitat.
- A total of 12 wildlife trail cameras will be set out at key wildlife locations around Kòk'èeti (6 cameras) and Deèzàati (6 cameras).

The Board understands that this work also requires a Government of Nunavut Wildlife Research Permit, Kugluktuk Inuit Association Licence to Access to Inuit Owned Land, and Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board Land Use Permit.

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The WRRB has reviewed your application and has no concerns with the project as presented. The Board requests a summary report of the fieldwork upon completion. Please feel free to give us a call with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Pellissey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Jody Pellissey
Executive Director

Cc Bruno Croft, Superintendent
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