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Re: Joint Proposal on Management Actions for the Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (Sahti Ekwò) Herd 2027-2030

Dear Ms. Steinwand-Deschambeault and Ms. Sayine-Crawford:

As per section 12.5.1 of the Tłıchǫ Agreement, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) considers the above-mentioned proposal, submitted by the Tłıchǫ Government (TG) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) on July 17, 2026, a wildlife management proposal.

The WRRB understands the goal of the joint management proposal is the continuation and modification of key management actions for the Sahti Ekwò herd for a period of three years, starting in July 2027, to decrease potential negative impacts on the herd and to support the cultural relationship between the Tłıchǫ and ekwò. Further, the Board understands the joint management actions are presented under headings consistent with the ACCWM's *Taking Care of Caribou Management Plan for the Bluenose-East, Bluenose-West, and Cape Bathurst Herds*: 1) Harvest, 2) Predators, 3) Habitat and Land Use, and 4) Education.

Following review of the joint management proposal, and based on the WRRB's Rule for Management Proposals, the WRRB has determined to undertake a Level 2 review (Motion #1042-16-08-2026). As such, the Board will open the 2026 Sahti Ekwò Management Proceeding on August 27, 2026, including the establishment of a public registry on the WRRB's website (<https://www.wrrb.ca/public-information/public-registry>). A public notice of proceeding along with a schedule is attached for your information. The Board will review and make its final recommendations regarding the joint management proposal at their December 2026 board meeting. A final Reasons for Decision Report will be submitted to TG and GNWT by no later than January 15, 2027.

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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', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Judas
Chair

Attachment

Cc Stephanie Behrens, Manager
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