



NOTICE OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE TECHNICAL SESSION – DÌGA (WOLF) MANAGEMENT

On January 31, 2020, Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Tłıchǵ Government (TG) submitted a joint management proposal, entitled “Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Wolves (dìga) on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (ǵekwǵ) Herd Winter Ranges: 2020 – 2025” (“the Proposal”). Following an initial assessment of the Proposal, the WRRB determined that a Level 2 review was appropriate. Therefore, on March 2, 2020, the Board established a proceeding and an online public registry.

On March 9, 2020, after hearing from the GNWT and TG, the WRRB held an emergency meeting and revised the procedure to be used to review the Proposal. The WRRB decided to amend its procedure for the review of the 2020 dìga management actions as proposed in the dìga joint management proposal to a Level 1 review. The Board decided to treat the 2020 dìga management actions as a pilot project only, and, as such, approved the proposed 2020 dìga management actions in the Proposal.

The Board requested that the GNWT and TG resubmit the dìga management actions proposed for 2021-2025 in the Proposal for a Level 2 review with the inclusion of lessons learned from the implementation of the 2020 management actions. On August 25, 2020, GNWT and TG submitted a revised joint management proposal, entitled “Revised Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Wolves (dìga) on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (ǵekwǵ) Herd Winter Ranges: 2021 – 2024” (“the Revised Proposal”). Based on the WRRB’s Rule for Management Proposals, the Board deems a Level 2 Proceeding to be sufficient to serve the public interest.

The WRRB wishes to advise that its Traditional Knowledge Technical Session related to the 2020 Wolf Management Proceeding is scheduled for **October 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MDT**, hosted online through Zoom. The Zoom link will open at 8:30 a.m. MDT to allow all participants an opportunity to ensure they are comfortable with the technology. Invitations to the Zoom meeting will be sent to participants prior to the technical session or can be requested by emailing info@wrrb.ca. If interpretation is required, please inform the Board by no later than October 8, 2020. Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Maintaining a balance between wolves and caribou.
- 2) Managing a balance between wolves, caribou, and people.

Documents posted to the Public Registry for the 2020 Wolf Management Proceeding can be viewed at: www.wrrb.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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