



Yellowknives Dene First Nation

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By e-mail: gpryznyk@wrrb.ca

Dear Mr. Pryznyk:

Re: Intervenor Status for the WRRB review of the Joint Caribou Management Plan

Thank you for your email of November 11th allowing the opportunity to explain how the Yellowknives Dene First Nation did not file for intervenor status before the deadline

The notice that was faxed to the Chiefs' offices on November 12th. There were 4 business days given to apply for intervenor status. There was a delay in our response as the Chiefs were out of town at an Akaitcho Territorial Government meeting in Deninue Kue during that week, while the week of November 16th – 20th the Chiefs were in Lutsel K'e for a Lands Administration and Community Governance Workshop. As you know from the YKDFN letter of November 23rd, the Lands and Environment Office was not informed. The Lands and Environment office had been keeping a close watch on this plan, often discussing the file with WRRB and ENR staff, but neither of these contacted the Lands and Environment Office directly.

While we respect the process and the timelines involved, the YKDFN would like to be intervenors in the review. The YKDFN membership has relied on the Bathurst caribou herd since time immemorial. We have a tremendous and undeniable interest in the management and future of our most important natural resource. To limit our participation because of poor timing and an incomplete weak distribution system would be wrong.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact YKDFN Lands and Environment at 766-3496.

Sincerely,

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