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Mr. Alfonz Nitsiza
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Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
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Dear Mr. Nitsiza:

Reasons for Adjournment and Direction to The Parties

On March 26, 2007, the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) provided reasons for adjournment and directions to the Parties stemming from the hearing held on March 13 and 14, 2007 regarding the December 15, 2006 proposal submitted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) on management actions for the Bathurst caribou herd. ENR is providing the following responses to the "Decisions and Directions" contained in WRRB's March 26, 2007 *Reasons for Adjournment and Directions to the Parties*.

Decision #2 directed ENR to consult with the Tł'chö about the proposal.

- To facilitate this direction, ENR staff worked with Tł'chö Government staff to set meeting dates between the two governments. Meetings between the Minister of ENR and the Tł'chö Government occurred on April 12, 2007 and April 17, 2007.

Decision #3 directed ENR and the Tł'chö to report to the WRRB on the outcome of their consultations before 5:00 p.m. (MDT) April 23, 2007.

- The specifics of this report were indicated in Decision #4 wherein the WRRB stated that ENR's report should outline any changes to the proposal which may have resulted from their consultation with the Tł'chö and provide a complete explanation for any such changes. ENR reports that meetings to date between the Minister of ENR and the Tł'chö Government have not resulted in any changes to the proposal submitted to WRRB for consideration.

In accordance with Decision #5, ENR will be filing final comments respecting the proposal on or before May 4, 2007.

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Should future meetings with the Tł'chǫ Government occur, ENR will inform the WRRB accordingly.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Minister

c. Mr. Rob Marshall
Interim Executive Director
Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources
Board

Grand Chief George Mackenzie
Tł'chǫ Government