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Kitikmeot Regional
Wildlife Board

February 17, 2010

Grant Pryznyk
Interim Chairman
Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource Board

Dear Mr. Pryznyk,

The Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB) and its member Hunters & Trappers Organizations (HTOs) plan to attend and observe your Public Hearing regarding the Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in We'ezhil.

Some of the options presented in the Joint Proposal regarding potential harvest of Bluenose East and Ahik Caribou are of concern to our members and we would like to be consulted and part of any discussions that may impact our membership.

HTOs in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay have had meetings to discuss this issue and have sent their concerns to your Board, but there has been limited discussion in the East Kitiemeot communities of Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Kugaaruk. Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok residents are directly affected and will want to ensure that their comments and concerns are also considered.

Caribou are an important food source for Inuit and their availability varies in the different parts of our region. There have been concerns identified that some of the caribou populations are on a downward cycle and are vulnerable to impacts or increased pressure. The option to divert pressure from the Bathurst herd onto other herds in Nunavut should only be done if there is solid information on the population estimate and status of the herd along with consultation and support from communities that are directly affected.

Sincerely,

Attima Hadlari
President
Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board