



April 29, 2016

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Via Email
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Re: Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to Consider a Total Allowable Harvest for Nunavut Harvesters of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

On December 15, 2015, the Tłı̄ch̄ Government (TG) and Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of Northwest Territories submitted the “*Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Bluenose-East Caribou 2016-2019*” to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) outlining proposed management actions for the Bluenose-East caribou herd in Wek'èezhì, including new restrictions on hunter harvest. More specifically, TG and ENR proposed implementing a total allowable harvest and allocation for the Bluenose-East caribou herd. The Board opened the 2016 Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Proceeding on January 18, 2016, with a Public Hearing held on April 6-8, 2016. Following adjournment of the Hearing and after careful review of all of the information presented, the WRRB expects to submit its determinations and/or recommendations and reasons for decision to the Grand Chief and Minister by no later than May 31, 2016.

Since the Bluenose-East caribou herd is a migratory species that moves between the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, the WRRB believes that the evidence collected during its Proceeding would be valuable information for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) to consider during its Bluenose-East caribou public hearing, scheduled for June 16-17, 2016 in Cambridge Bay, NU. Therefore, in the interest of continued collaboration and respectful relationships, the Board is requesting that the NWMB consider recognizing the WRRB as an observer and allowing a brief presentation on its final Reasons for Decisions report. As the WRRB's final report will not be completed until May 31, 2016, the Board requests permission to provide the required translated copies for posting to the public registry as soon as practicable.

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The WRRB looks forward to continuing a collaborative relationship with the NWMB regarding barren-ground caribou. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (867) 873-5740 or jpellissey@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Grant Pryznyk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

J. Grant Pryznyk
Chair

Cc Jason Akearok, Executive Director, NWMB
Hon. Wally Schumann, Minister, ENR
Ernie Campbell, Deputy Minister, ENR
Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, ENR
Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, TG
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