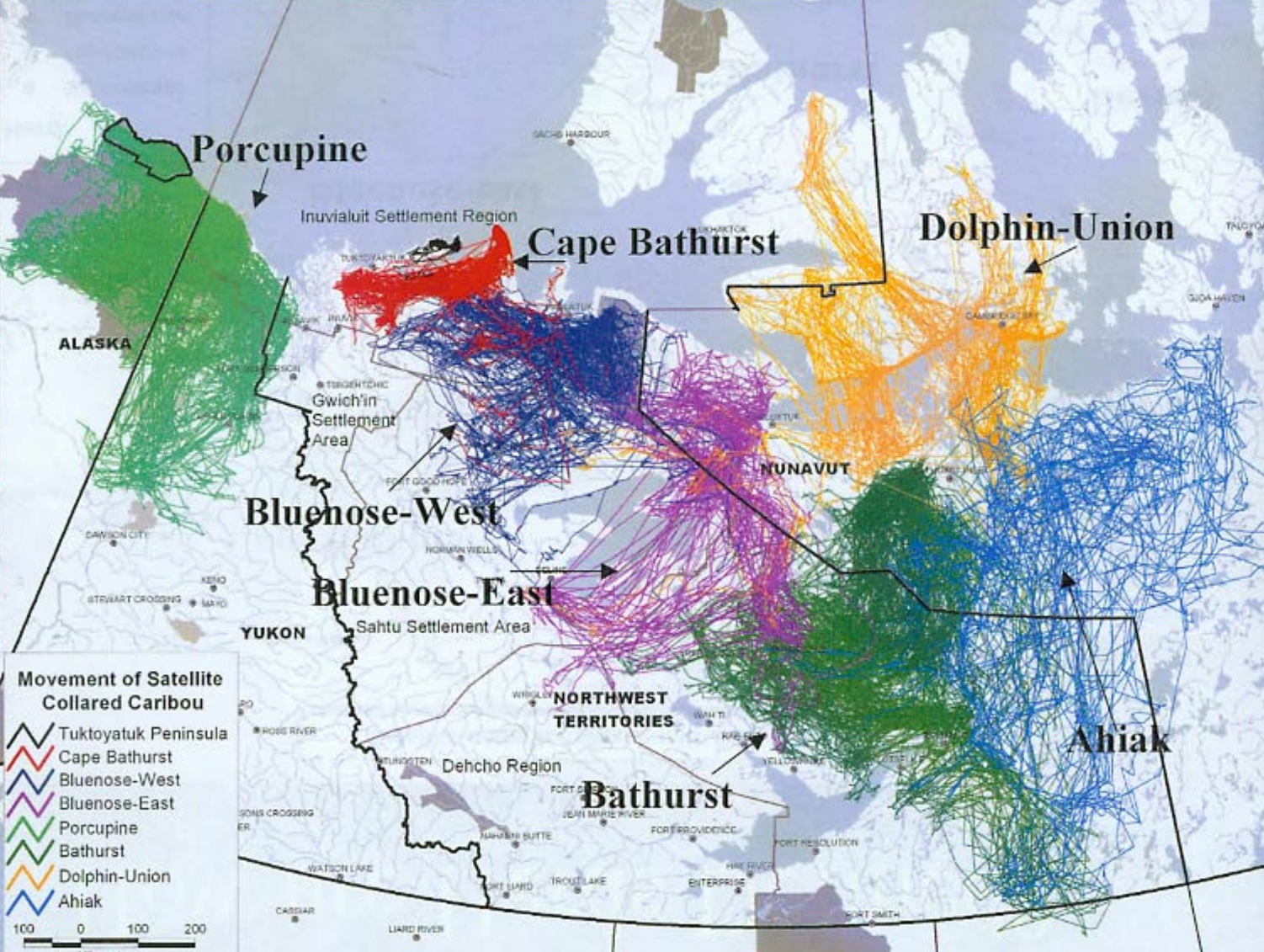


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The actions of the ENR minister yesterday, closing down all hunting in an area of about the size of Nova Scotia, is the second time within three years that an ENR minister circumvented the WRRB process and invoked a major wildlife decision unilaterally.

1. Assuming there is no new data to support the use of the emergency clause, will the WRRB go to court to maintain its right to manage wildlife in Wek'heezhi, or does it intend to permanently cede that right to the GNWT?
2. At least according to the press releases, the government closed down the above referenced area in order to protect the caribou on their wintering grounds. Attached is an ENR map (one of dozens), showing the traditional Bathurst Wintering Grounds. Will the WRRB go to court to explain to ENR exactly where the Bathurst wintering ground is, so that the entire wintering area is protected? (From all appearances, the area closed seems to deliberately avoid the Akaitcho region, currently involved in land claims negotiations. Certainly, ENR and the WRRB do not intend to manage migratory species based on land claim settlements.)
3. Apparently, some area of the NWT is being opened up to unlimited Woods Bison hunting. If this area is in Wek'heezhi, will the WRRB go to court to prevent this hunt? I am not aware of any data showing that the bison herd anywhere in the NWT can now sustain unlimited harvest.



Porcupine

Inuvialuit Settlement Region

Cape Bathurst

Dolphin-Union

ALASKA

Gwich'in Settlement Area

Bluenose-West

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Movement of Satellite Collared Caribou

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