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Wek'eezhi Renewable Resources Board
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Dear Board,

While reviewing caribou research, I came across a document, which I believe is critical to the WRRB hearing, on the E.N.R. website. The document is entitled **Tuktu and Nogak Project, A Caribou Chronicle, Final Report.** The report documents aboriginal knowledge, including calving grounds, in the area of Bathurst Inlet. It clearly documents the Bathurst Caribou herd calving on both sides of the Bathurst Inlet.

This is the heart of the outfitter's argument, and has been for many years. ENR does not want to count caribou on the east side of the Bathurst Inlet, saying they are Ahiak caribou. In this entire document, the word "Ahiak" does not appear even once. The Tuktu and Nogak project spanned the years between 1997-2001. The interviews with elders clearly documents caribou movements for decades, with caribou calving rotationally on either side of the inlet.

By not presenting this very important document to the WRRB, ENR has continued its pattern of lying to the board, and to the public. That is a harsh accusation, but one no rational person can avoid concluding.

I realize the introduction of this document is late, and I apologize to the board for that. I just found it yesterday, on the ENR website, among other places. I hope you will see fit to add it to the record. Since it is on their website, and traditional knowledge is, at least theoretically, such an important part of this process, I don't see how ENR will object.

It also brings into question the credibility of Dr. Anne Gunn, the WRRB "independent expert." Dr. Gunn most surely knew of this project, as her assistance is acknowledged in the document. Since this work was done after Dr. Gunn split the Bathurst herd in 1996, one might think she would have, at the very least, acknowledged to the board that TK does not support her theoretical Ahiak herd. It is my understanding that Traditional Knowledge is a critical part of the entire co-management process, and must not be ignored by this board. This lack of transparency, by the board's own expert, is most troubling.

Thank you.

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