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Jody Snortland
Wek'ezzhi Renewable Resources Board
Suite 102A, 44504-49th Avenue
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Dear Ms. Snortland,

RE: City of Yellowknife response to Joint Proposal on Caribou Management

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to participate in the Wek'ezzhi Renewable Resources Board's review of the Joint Caribou Management Proposal.

We strongly encourage responsible management of our natural resources, to ensure a healthy lifestyle for today's residents and future generations.

With any decision, the cumulative impacts of the decision need be part of the consideration. The social and economic viability of the Northwest Territories should be part of the consideration.

Many of our residents have depended on caribou as part of their diet. Sport hunting is a significant contributor to our ability to attract and retain workers.

The Barren Ground Caribou outfitting industry has drawn hunters from around the world to the NWT, and contributes millions of dollars annually to the territorial economy.

Other regions have demonstrated that a male only harvest has minimal effect on population if combined with regulated quotas. Selection of this option would allow the traditional hunt, the resident hunt, and outfitting industry to continue; support the continuity of a wild species; and encourage a vital interest in scientific game management.

Yours Sincerely,

Gordon Van Tighem
Mayor