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Mr. Grant Pryznyk  
Interim Chair  
Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board  
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Dear Mr. Pryznyk:

**Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board Clarification on Recommendations**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is reviewing the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) Recommendations Report on the Revised Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions in Wek'èezhii and, would appreciate clarification from the WRRB on the following two recommendations:

**1. Recommendation #54 – Bison Management**

This recommendation requests that ENR and Tłıchǵ Government (TG) provide a joint proposal within one year to substantiate the zones and quotas for wood bison established through the interim emergency measures.

The preamble before the recommendation (pp. 47 and 48) comments on the bison management actions in the joint proposal and states that the "Board does not believe that implementation of these proposals" (i.e. change seasons for both zones to begin September 1 and close April 15 and maintain the two management zones and quotas (pp. 46 and 47)) "will result in irreparable harm to the wood bison population over the next two years".

ENR would like to confirm this statement in the text means the Board is supportive of revising the opening date established through the interim emergency measures from January 1 to September 1.

**2. Recommendation #58 – Implementation**

This recommendation requests ENR and TG conduct consultations on recommendations before January 1, 2011. ENR would appreciate clarification if the Board is referring to consultations between ENR and the TG to develop a response.

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As the WRRB has set a deadline of January 1, 2011 for Recommendation #58 – Implementation, a response from the WRRB by the end of October would greatly aid ENR and the TG in meeting this deadline.

If you have any additional questions regarding this information please contact Mr. Jason McNeill, Senior Policy Advisor, Aboriginal Relations at (867) 920 3298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernie Campbell', written in a cursive style.

Ernie Campbell  
Assistant Deputy Minister