

Tłıchǫ Government

February 3, 2010

Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
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Yellowknife, NT
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Attention: Jody Snortland, Chair

Dear Ms. Snortland

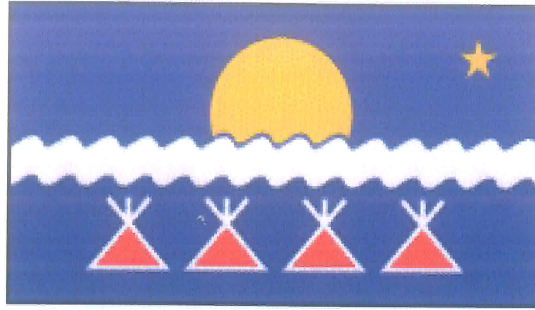
Please find attached the Tłıchǫ Governments response to the NSMA request for information. We hope this information helps to clarify any questions that the NSMA may have for the Tłıchǫ government.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Kerri Garner at 392-6381 or kerrigarner@tlicho.com

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Eddie Erasmus,
Lands Director



Response to NSMA Request for Information

Prepared by Tłıchǫ Government

January 15, 2010

How many caribou occupied Wek'èezhii each fall from 1921 through 2009?

- The Tłıchǫ Government does not have a response to this question.

How many caribou occupied Wek'èezhii each winter from 1921 through 2009?

- See Above

How have these numbers been estimated and how precise are the estimates?

- See Above

What efforts has the Tłıchǫ Government made to consult with the indigenous North Slave Métis regarding caribou management in the portion of the North Slave Métis Traditional Territory which overlaps with Wek'èezhii?

- On the Tłıchǫ government's behalf, there was no additional consultation with other aboriginal groups nor residential hunters or outfitters. The Tłıchǫ Government does not have the duty to consult with the above mentioned parties whereas ENR does. In addition, we do not have the capacity to do this sort of consultation.

How does the Tłıchǫ Government propose to require Indigenous Métis to report their harvest information and to whom and how is it to be funded?

- The Tłıchǫ Government and ENR will be working together on monitoring and enforcement of aboriginal and non aboriginal hunters who are hunting the Bathurst caribou. The Indigenous Metis will be expected to follow the same reporting process as all other aboriginal peoples.

What information does the Tłıchǫ Government have about Tłıchǫ citizen harvesting?

- The information the Tlicho Government has in local harvest is essentially the same as ENR. Please refer to the Report “*Caribou Harvest reporting pilot project in the Tli Cho communities in the winter of 2007/2008 and 2008/2009: Preliminary results*” by Bruno Croft and John Paul Rabesca, ENR available on the WRRB public registry.

In what way does the Tłı̨chǫ Government propose that Indigenous Métis should be educated regarding traditional and ethical harvesting practices by whom and paid for how?

- Conservation education materials will be available to the indigenous Metis by ENR, in the same manner they will be available to the Tłı̨chǫ people. All groups, organizations and individuals have an important role to play in the conservation of the Bathurst herd.