



Tłıchǫ Government

Box 412, Behchokǫ, NT X0E 0Y0 • Tel: (867) 392-6381 • Fax: (867) 392-6389 • www.tlicho.ca



Northwest
Territories Environment and Natural Resources

Mr. Grant Pryznyk
Chair
Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
4504 49TH AVENUE
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 1A7

JUN 29 2016

Dear Mr. Pryznyk:

Response to Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board, BNE Determination #1,2 -2016 and Recommendations #1, 2, 3-2016 – request for time extension

The Tłıchǫ Government (TG) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) have received the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board's (WRRB) Final Report, Part A, entitled "*Report on a Public Hearing Held by the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board 6-8 April 2016, Behchokǫ, NT & Reasons for Decisions Related to a Joint Proposal for the Management of the Bluenose-East ǀekwǫ (Barren-ground caribou) Herd, Part A*". The Report was delivered to the parties on June 13, 2016.

Among the decisions made by the Board are Determination #1-2016 and Determination #2 -2016:

Determination #1-2016: The Board determined a total allowable harvest of 750 bulls-only for all users of the Bluenose-East ǀekwǫ herd within Wek'èezhìi be implemented for the 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 harvest seasons.

Determination #2-2016: The Board determined that the proportional allocation of the total allowable harvest of the Bluenose-East ǀekwǫ herd for the 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 harvest seasons shall be as follows:

- Tłıchǫ Citizens: 39.29%
- Members of an Aboriginal people who traditionally harvest Bluenose-East ǀekwǫ (includes Nunavut): 60.71%.

The Board has indicated that it requires Determination #1-2016 and Determination #2-2016 to be implemented by July 1, 2016.

ENR & TG are writing to request that the WRRB extend the time for implementation to at least August 1, 2016.

The reason for our request is that the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board has extended the date for submission of their final report to July 18, 2016. Both the TG

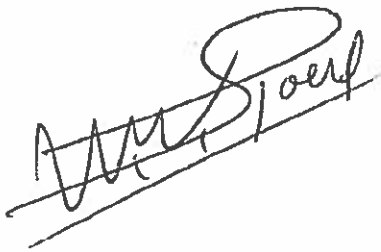
and the ENR are of the view that it would be difficult to implement Determinations #1-2016 and #2-2016 without the critical information that will be in the SRRB final report.

As the Board has noted that Recommendations #1-2016, #2-2016 and #3-2016 are linked to determination #1-2016 and #2-2016, we would ask to defer our response to those recommendations to August 1 as well.

However, in the interest of transparency, the GNWT wishes to advise the Board that the GNWT is facing severe fiscal restraint and budget reductions. As a result, it will not be possible for ENR to commit to weekly aerial monitoring. Regular monitoring by air and by ground patrols will occur, as they did in winters 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. TG and ENR will be able to provide regular updates to the WRRB whenever any new aerial and ground-based compliance surveillance of the Bluenose-East ?ekwø herd has taken place.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Sjoerd van der Wielen
Manager, Lands Section
Department of Culture and Lands
Protection, TG
BEHCHOKØ, NT X0E 0Y0
Phone: 867-392-6381
Fax: 867-392-6406
sjoerdvanderwielen@tlicho.com



Bruno Croft
A/North Slave Regional Superintendent
ENR, GNWT
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2P9
Phone: 867-767-9238 Ext: 53247
Fax: 867-873-6263
bruno_croft@gov.nt.ca

Attachment

c. Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, TG

Ms. Laura Duncan, Tłjchq Executive Officer, TG

The Honourable Wally Schumann, Minister, ENR, GNWT

Ms. Lucy Escalante, Executive Secretary to Minister Wally Schumann
ENR, GNWT

Mr. Ernie Campbell, Deputy Minister, ENR, GNWT

Ms. Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, ENR, GNWT

Ms. Jody Pellissey, Executive Director, WRRB