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Mr. Joseph Judas, Chair Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board 4504 49TH AVENUE, YELLOWKNIFE NT, X1A 1A7 jpellissey@wrrb.ca

Dear Mr. Judas:

## Request to Extend Joint Management Proposal for Kok'eeti (Bathurst) Ekwô Herd

Thank you for your letter dated January 8, 2024, providing the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resource Board's (WRRB) response to our request to extend the joint management proposal for the Kok'èeti (Bathurst) Ekwò Herd. As required under the Tłıcho Agreement, the Tłıcho Government and Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) are pleased to provide this joint response to the board's recommendations.

WRRB Recommendation #1-2023 (Kok'èetì Ekwò): TG and GNWT will not conduct a reconnaissance survey nor calving ground survey in June 2024.

**Response:** Tłącho Government and GNWT accept this recommendation and will delay the Bathurst herd reconnaissance survey and calving ground survey by one year to June 2025.

The Tłıcho Government and GNWT would like to express their appreciation for the WRRB's role and support for ongoing efforts to promote recovery of the Kok'èetı Ekwò.

Sincerely,

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