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Re: Public Hearing Participation – Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Joint Management Proposal

Dear Mr. Mandeville:

On December 15, 2015, the Tłı̄chǫ Government (TG) and Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of Northwest Territories submitted the “*Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Bluenose-East Caribou 2016-2019*” to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) outlining proposed management actions for the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd in Wek'èezhì. The Board opened the 2016 Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Proceeding on January 18, 2016.

In anticipation of the proposal, the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) and the WRRB signed a “*Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaborative Efforts for the Management of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd*” in October 2015 to ensure management of the Bluenose-East caribou herd is as effective as possible. Each Board is conducting its own proceeding, including a public hearing in both the Sahtú and Wek'èezhì. The SRRB held its public hearing on March 1-3, 2016 in Délı̄nǫ, NT. During the SRRB Public Hearing, the Délı̄nǫ First Nation presented its conservation plan, entitled “*Belarewile Gots'ę ǰekwę - Caribou for All Time: A Délı̄nǫ Got'ı̄nǫ Plan of Action*”.

The Délı̄nǫ First Nation is a registered Intervenor in the 2016 Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Proceeding and will discuss, in part, their conservation plan. ENR has indicated, on the record, their support for Délı̄nǫ's conservation plan. The Board understands that Heather Sayine-Crawford, Manager, Wildlife Research & Monitoring, Sahtú Region, ENR, was involved throughout the development of Délı̄nǫ's conservation plan. The WRRB Board and Staff would like to ask ENR about the Délı̄nǫ's conservation plan and it would be of assistance if Ms. Sayine-Crawford would be available for questioning at the Public Hearing, scheduled for April 6-8, 2016 in Behchokǫ, NT.

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If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jpellissey@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Grant Pryznyk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

J. Grant Pryznyk
Chair

Cc Hon. Wally Schumann, Minister, ENR
Ernie Campbell, Deputy Minister, ENR
Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, ENR
Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, TG
Laura Duncan, Tłı̨chǫ Executive Officer, TG