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Mr. Roger Boniface- President
Fort Good Hope Renewable Resources Council
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Dear Mr. Boniface,

Blue Nose-West Barren-Ground Caribou Tag Allocations.

Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is issuing tags for harvest of Blue-nose West Caribou (BNW). The Big Game Hunting Regulations require tags for harvesting of Barren-Ground Caribou for Blue Nose West herd within the Sahtu region Zone, **S/BC/01**.

As per the schedule in part 5A of the Regulations for BNW Caribou in Zone, **S/BC/01** (Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope area) a tag is required by all harvesters including Aboriginal Harvesters, General Hunting License (GHL) and Special Harvest License (SHL) holders. No Resident License (non- aboriginal) or Commercial Harvest tags are available. In Zone **S/BC/02** (west of Fort Good Hope) there are no restrictions for Aboriginal Hunters, GHL, and SHL however Resident and Commercial restrictions remain. Please see the attached area map.

In 2007 the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) through a public hearing process determined the requirement for conservation based restrictions to harvest of BNW Caribou. These restrictions were sanctioned by the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (AACWM). Harvest restrictions were recommended to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources by the SRRB and AACWM. Acting on this recommendation regulations were enacted. Allocations for harvest were established by the SRRB based on Total Allowable Harvest (TAH). The TAH for BNW is 350 Caribou with a ratio of 80% Bulls and 20% Cows.

Tag allocation as per the SRRB is as follows;

Colville Lake	200 Tags (160 Bulls; 40 Cows)
Fort Good Hope	130 Tags (104 Bulls; 26 Cows)
Norman Wells	20 Tags (16 Bulls; 4 Cows)



In previous years ENR Sahtu region did not send tags out to the community based upon discussions with local harvesters an agreement was reached that ENR would monitor harvest and account for TAH. Presently the Department has been requested by Colville Lake to provide these tags. ENR is now distributing tags for harvesting BNW Caribou for the balance of the 2015 season. In future the tags will be allocated at the start of each season.

Based on information gathered by ENR officers and reports from harvesters between January 8th and February 28th, we can confirm that 64 BNW Caribou were taken by Colville Lake and 61 BNW Caribou were taken by Fort Good Hope. At this time no harvest has been reported for Norman Wells. This leaves 69 tags for Fort Good Hope. ENR has withheld 61 tags to account for the animals already harvested.

These tags may be given to any Sahtu Beneficiary, GHL or SHL holder for use with your permission to harvest in your area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 867 587-3508 or email jules_fournel@gov.nt.ca

Best Regards



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