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Caribou Conservation, Climate Change and Wildfires [?ekw'ó heots'edıgha go ʔeʔá, ʔehdagókéggha, nek'e areyone gok'erek ó (Tulít 'a Got'inę ę) / ʔyah hehkgudı yant'a ʔadèʔ agodin, ne ké ʔedeli (Délıneę Got'inę) / Sahtú ʔekwe ʔeʔá, dırinéné k'e guluzagotı, nek'e k'ó yarek'ó (K'áhsho Got'inę)]: Report on the Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) Public Listening (Hearing) Session Report and Reasons for Decisions and Recommendations

On behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), I would like to thank the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) for its Report provided on January 15, 2025, which includes recommendations made under 13.8.36 of the *Sahtú Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (SDMCLCA)* from the Public Listening Session hosted by Norman Wells in February 2024.

I have reviewed the Report with ECC staff and am providing my responses to the SRRB's recommendations as an attachment. As the report was addressed to both the GNWT-ECC and the Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada, the attached responses are on behalf of the GNWT-ECC only. In responding to the Report and recommendations, I have taken into consideration the SDMCLCA and the overarching wildlife co-management context that currently exists in the Northwest Territories.

ECC staff and I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Sahtú communities, the SRRB, and our other caribou co-management partners to effectively manage caribou.

Sincerely,

Jay Macdonald
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Attachment

c. Distribution list

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