



**Sahtu Renewable
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Honorable J. Michael Miltenberger
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Re: Bluenose-West & East Caribou Herd Recommendations – AMENDED

Mr. Miltenberger:

In response to a 15 March 2006 telephone conversation with Susan Fleck, Director – Wildlife Division, the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) would like to amend four of the six recommendations made to the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR) on 17 February 2006.

The following recommendations should have the reference to the date of June 30, 2006 removed and instead read:

- Set the voluntary annual Allowable Harvest for the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd at 1040 caribou and the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd at 3300 caribou until the July 2006 photocensus results are made available
- Reduce the commercial quota for barren-ground caribou in the SSA to zero until the July 2006 photocensus results are made available
- Close the non-resident and non-resident alien hunting seasons for barren-ground caribou in the SSA until the July 2006 photocensus results are made available
- As a public wildlife management board, the SRRB would like to see Northwest Territories' residents have the opportunity to harvest barren-ground caribou; however, since the Minimum Needs Level, as determined by the Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study, has already exceeded the Total Allowable Harvest and to err on the side of conservation, the Board recommends closing the

resident hunting season for barren-ground caribou in the SSA until the July 2006 photocensus results are made available

Upon completion of the 2006 photo-census survey, the SRRB and community Renewable Resource Councils (RRCs) will review the survey results and any additional information available at that time to determine whether or not to adjust, add to, and/or remove the above Sahtu recommendations.

The Board and RRCs looks forward to continuing work with ENR to address this important wildlife issue. If there are any questions, please contact our office at (867) 588-4040. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter Bayha', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Walter Bayha
Chairman

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