

## **Additional Information for question 6(b) SRRB Round 1 Information Requests on the Bluenose East Caribou Management Proposal**

- 6 b) ENR proposes an allocation formula for the next three years (page 5) “based primarily on recent harvest information.” Please advise what other factors specifically, if any, were used to determine the proposed allocation level.

In addition to considering all of the factors set out in response to questions 6(a) above, ENR also took into consideration the following:

- (a) The results of the 2015 calving ground survey;
- (b) The ACCWM management plan which would place the BNE herd in the orange declining phase where a Total Allowable Harvest acceptable to ACCWM can be established,
- (c) ENR’s harvest rule-of-thumb and associated modeling of harvest and caribou populations,
- (d) Feedback received from Aboriginal governments and co-management partners after the 2014-2015 harvest season;
- (e) Feedback received from Aboriginal governments and co-management partners through participation in the Barren-Ground Caribou Technical Working Group through the Summer & Fall of 2015;
- (f) Feedback received from attending the ACCWM Meeting on August 7, 2015 to discuss the preliminary results of the survey;
- (g) Tlicho Government recommendations of August 25, 2015 to the WRRB on BNE harvest,
- (h) Feedback provided by Aboriginal governments and co-management partners in response to ENR’s letter of September 24, 2015 sharing the preliminary results of the 2015 calving ground surveys for the BNE;
- (i) The need to consider the Nunavut harvest;
- (j) The harvest results for the 2014-2015 harvest season.
- (k) The WRRB recommendations of 2010 for this herd, and the herd’s much reduced numbers and its downward acceleration similar to the Bathurst herd’s most rapid decline between 2006 and 2009:

ENR received a request from the ACCWM in the early fall to call a meeting of all traditional NWT and Nunavut harvesters of the Bluenose-East caribou herd as well as wildlife management authorities from the Bluenose-East caribou herd range, including the GRRB, SRRB, WMAC (NWT) and WRRB, to discuss and determine a harvest allocation. ENR was able to facilitate that request on January 20, 2016 ENR is very optimistic that the final allocation for the next three years will be able to result from the recommendations from this workshop and from further discussions at the upcoming public hearings of the SRRB & the WRRB.

