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RE: Final Submission for the Public Hearing on Management of Bluenose East ?ekwé (Barren-Ground Caribou)

To the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board:

Representatives from the Tulít'a Renewable Resources Council attended the Délıne Caribou Gathering in January 2015 with people from all around the Sahtú. Délıne was concerned about the numbers of Bluenose East caribou decreasing, and Délıne wanted to do something. So they made a plan.

The Délıne plan is not unreasonable. It is all using traditional knowledge, which is really valuable. When you read the Délıne plan, you see their elders talking about how they have always had caribou because of the way they have managed their herds.

We support Délıne and their numbers. One hundred and fifty caribou is not a lot for their community. We have other options in Tulít'a. Why would we want to take food away from Délıne? They are caribou people. We don't particularly hunt over there, except when the caribou come close, and then there are enough to start hunting again, by us as well as by Délıne. So we have to trust them. When there are only so many caribou, a lot would stay down at the other end where we would never go.

Traditionally we have told Délıne when we harvest in their district. We don't know where their people are hunting, or where the caribou are, so we have to talk to them. We can work with them and plan our hunting together. We can communicate with the Délıne Renewable Resources Council and with Délıne. We have a lot of relations over in Délıne.

The Délıne plan calls for meetings to do things like plan the harvest or review the harvest numbers. The Délıne plan also calls for a ceremonial harvest and for seasonal trips. We would like to be included in these meetings and trips whenever possible.

We support how Délıne uses CHAP funding and other funding to support their caribou harvest, their alternative harvest, and their awards and incentives programs. We would like to do the same thing for harvesters in Tulít'a, with support from ENR and other sources.

Regarding monitoring, we recognize the way that ENR has been doing monitoring so far and we recognize the information they get from it. We support ENR continuing to come up with better ways to monitor that have less of an impact on the caribou, and we support Déline in developing their own plan for monitoring. This is what we would want for ourselves in our own management plan. We don't have a plan yet, but we have issues like the muskox and the mountain caribou that we want to address.

The Tulit'a Renewable Resources Council agrees with Chief Frank Andrew of the Tulit'a Dene Band that Tulit'a cannot be forgotten. We will work with Déline and we look forward to developing our own management plan.

Sincerely,



Rocky Norwegian

President