

Information requests on the Deline Caribou Conservation plan submitted by ENR

- 1) The Deline plan is based on following Dene law, community self-regulation and the use of traditional restorative means of supporting respect for the community caribou hunting rules. However, the plan also indicates that, if necessary, referral to ENR will be used as a last resort.
 - a) Can you please explain the relationship between the Deline Gotine Plan of Action and territorial laws, including the Wildlife Act and Regulations.
 - b) How will the Deline plan work with the Wildlife Act to regulate caribou harvesting?
 - c) What will the role of ENR enforcement officers be under the plan?
 - d) The Caribou Code proposes a Sentencing Circle for any Participant under the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claims Agreement who does not comply with the code. Please explain who would decide to move a matter into the Sentencing Circle. How would this be conducted? Have there been discussions with other Sahtu communities about how this would work? Has there been agreement from other Sahtu communities? From the SRRB?
 - e) What is meant by referral to ENR as a last resort? What is envisioned and how would it work?

- 2) Under the Deline plan, it appears that Deline harvesters do not require tags or authorizations to harvest caribou. They are required to provide sample kits for every animal that they harvest. If they do not provide a sample kit they still need to report their harvest.
 - a) When harvesters are on the land harvesting, how will they be able to prove to an officer that they are authorized to harvest?
 - b) How will officers be able to identify harvesters that are not authorized to harvest?

- 3) The Deline plan indicates that only young bulls will be harvested. The most recent harvest included a fairly large proportion of cows. How will Deline ensure that the harvest will be 100% bulls?

- 4) The monitoring efforts under the Deline plan rely largely on self-reporting by harvesters. Would Deline consider adopting some of the harvest reporting methods used by other Aboriginal groups such as the Tlicho Government? Would Deline consider using community monitors to collect harvest information, including information on harvest location?

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- 5) The Bluenose-east herd is shared by many communities across jurisdictions. How will Deline work with other communities in the Sahtu and communities in other regions, including Nunavut, to ensure that overall harvest management for the herd and other actions taken to conserve this herd are accomplished and coordinated at a herd-wide scale?

- 6) The Sahtu Renewable Resource Board (SRRB) is the main instrument of wildlife management under the Sahtu land claim agreement. Harvest limits set in wildlife legislation are informed by recommendations made by the SRRB. Once a harvest limit is set, it is allocated among Sahtu communities by the SRRB. How does the Deline plan fit within the co-management process in place in the Sahtu region under the land claim agreement? How will differences between SRRB direction and the Deline plan be resolved?