

FORT GOOD HOPE RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL

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Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
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Re: Written Submission for Caribou Hearings

Dear Jody,

The Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council has met with different individuals throughout the community. The FGH RRC and community members are aware that the caribou are rapidly declining based on the studies done by the Environment and Natural Resources Office. Measures should be in place to protect the caribou before it is too late. Some Concerns and Recommendations include but not limited to.

1. Migration Routes

- Exploration routes need to be changed as they interfere with the routes the caribou usually take therefore the caribou may be looking for other routes.
- Surveys that need to be done by helicopters should only be allowed during the summer months, no flying during the months of September through January
- A need for a no hunting zone and no exploration put up along the migration route, during the migrating season. This includes the Horton Lake Community Hunt.
- Oil and Gas companies are taking out too much water from the lakes, water resources for the animals are getting to a minimum, the caribou, and other animals are being affected.

2. Predators

- Wolf packs are getting to big, they are hunting many caribou for survival, Government needs to subsidize the difference in price from the auction houses, as wolf pelts are too cheap and are hard to work on. Hunters need an incentive to kill off some of the wolves.
- Need more tags for musk ox as they are getting plentiful and eating up all the vegetation. When standing around they kick up the ground, which lowers the vegetation even more. People and government need to make up minds whether musk ox or caribou are more important.

3. Outfitters

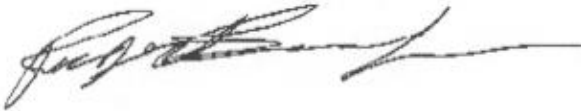
- As Sahtu beneficiaries, we have the legal right to harvest the caribou we have been asked to be minimal on our harvest intake, so along with that, the Big Game Outfitter privileges of hunting the caribou should be eliminated.

3. Monitors

- Funding needs to be put in place to keep an eye on the calving grounds during calving season as predators take many of the young calves.
- During the winter, monitors should go and check on the migration routes to make sure caribou are on track and not being disturbed.

I thank you for taking the time to read our recommendations and concerns, and allowing us to speak on these issues during the public hearings.

Sincerely,



Roger Boniface
President