



AYONIKEN LAND CORPORATION

January 13, 2007

Honourable Mitchell McLeod
Department of Environment & Natural Resources
Government of Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. McLeod,

Re: Blomrose West & East Caribou Herd Recommendations

As a shareholder of Ayoniken Land Corporation and the residents of Colville Lake, I am very concerned that there are recommendations made in particular to Blomrose West herd to be cut or sent on December 20, 2006 by the NRTB which may infringe on the Treaty Rights of the Colville Lake Band. For your information we have taken the liberty of conducting our own caribou count this fall due to the fact we did request to be included in the latest re count but were not included for some unfortunate reason in the initial re count conducted by the Regional GNWT department personnel which leads us to assume they can only defend and justify the amount of money they spent on this project by not including any community First Nation member. The numbers we come out with challenge the numbers released by your department for the Blomrose west herd therefore we cannot fully support the recommendations made by the NRTB who are an easy to force regulatory rules in our region which maybe subject to further challenge.

It's quite simple to work in cooperation with our organization if it's given the opportunity but we understand sometime when jurisdiction comes in hand one tries defend his name. For the people of Colville Lake who live and occupy the land almost year round we will not have a difference in the wildlife if there is one versus what we question about the credibility of how your regional organization conduct and defend their method of counting caribou. Who are you going to trust a biologist or a person who lives on the land?

Sincerely,

Joseph Koehon
President

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Cc: NRTB
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Re: Bluenose – West & East Caribou Herd Recommendations

On behalf of the Ayoni Keh” Land Corporation and the members of Colville Lake. I am very concern that there are recommendations made in particular to Bluenose West herd in a letter sent on December 20, 2006 by the SRRB which may infringe on the Treaty rights of the Colville Lake Dene, for you information we have taken the liberty of conducting our own caribou count this fall due to the fact we did request to be included in the latest re-count, but were not included for some unfortunate reason in the latest re-count conducted by the Regional GNWT department personal, which leads us to assume they can only defend and justify the amount of money they spent on this project by not including any community First Nation member. The numbers we came out with challenges the numbers released by your department for the bluenose west herd, therefore we cannot fully support the recommendations made by the SRRB who are so eager to force regulation rules in our region which maybe subject to further challenge.

It’s quite simple to work in cooperation with our organization if it’s given the opportunity but we understand sometime when justification comes in hand one must defend his actions. For the people of Colville Lake who use and occupy the land almost year round, we will know a difference in the wildlife if there is one, versus what we question about the credibility of how your regional organization conduct and defend there method of counting caribou. Who are you going to trust a biologist or a person who lives on the land.