



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL (NWT)

Re: Proposal for Bluenose-East Herd Harvest Allocation

Dear Mr. Michael Neyelle,

The Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) and Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC(NWT)) attended the Bluenose-East Caribou (BNE) Herd Harvest Allocation meeting held on January 20, 2016 hosted by Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) to discuss long-term harvest allocation for the BNE herd with GNWT, the other traditional user groups and co-management boards.

The IGC and WMAC (NWT) both strongly feel that ENR's interim harvest allocation for the BNE herd is inappropriate and was done without the proper consultation that is required under the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement*. It is recognized that these were interim harvest allocations and would be adjusted following proper consultation with the relevant user groups.

At the meeting, the IGC proposed that a minimum harvest allocation for any User group of 2% be set for Inuvialuit harvesting this herd. The Inuvialuit, NWT Métis Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Akaitcho and Dehcho would a 2% harvest allocation each, for a total of 10%. The Sahtu, Tlicho and Kugluktuk (Nunavut) would share the remaining 90%. This proposal would lead to only a 2.2% shift of ENR's interim harvest allocation from the largest user groups; a shift that we feel is

reasonable and fair. The proposal was met with support by most of the other user groups at the meeting.

We are formally submitting this proposal to you and the other Wildlife Management Boards to be considered for the future harvest allocation for the BNE herd.

The ability to track any harvest allocation and the sex of the harvest is key to understanding the effectiveness of conservation management actions, especially for caribou herds that migrate across land claims and harvest is shared as the BNE herd. It is imperative that harvest allocations are done in a way that numbers and sex of harvest is reported and this information is shared between users of the herd.

We look forward to continue working with you on this and other wildlife management matters. Thank you for your time attention to this letter.

Sincerely,



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Larry Carpenter,
Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory
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Mr. Ernie Campbell , Deputy Minister, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT

Ms. Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT

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