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Dear Mr. Tetlich:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 2017, regarding the 2017 Annual Harvest Meeting and harvest management recommendations. I am responding on behalf of the Government of Canada. Officials from Parks Canada Agency, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) have been consulted in the review of the documents. I regret the delay in reply.

The Government of Canada is pleased that the Board is continuing to recommend harvest management actions consistent with the Green Zone of the Harvest Management Plan (HMP). I commend the Board on the completion of the population model, the annual population analysis, and the development of communication and education materials for the communities.

While we look forward to the harvest reporting database being operational, we are concerned that the analysis of annual harvest data was incomplete due to the lateness of submissions. Going forward, I trust that the Board will facilitate progress on these aspects.

Additionally, with regards to the Harvest Allocation measures, I look forward to the completion of the Native User Access agreements. We are pleased to learn that there has been progress on the draft Terms of Reference for the related working groups.

Finally, in regards to the evaluation of the harvest data and associated reporting program and methodology, ECCC will continue to provide support to the Porcupine Caribou Technical Committee.

The Government of Canada appreciates the vigilance of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board in ensuring that harvest management actions are based on consideration of the best available information.

Sincerely,

*for* Sue Milburn-Hopwood  
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