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**RE: HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018 ANNUAL HARVEST MEETING - PCMB  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Dear Mr. Tetlich:

Thank you for your letter dated February 26, 2018 outlining management recommendations established at the eighth Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) for the Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH).

Government of Yukon accepts the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's (PCMB) recommendation that the PCH is in the Green Zone. We will continue to manage the herd consistent with the Green Zone, as described in the Harvest Management Plan (HMP). Specifically:

- Subsistence harvesters will be encouraged to only take what they need. We echo the PCMB's recommendation of taking bulls where possible, as harvesting bulls impacts the herd population less than harvesting cows.
- Licensed harvesters will receive a maximum of two bull tags.
- We will continue to support hunter education and awareness programs, including "sight in your rifle" events and initiatives that speak to the importance of retrieving wounded animals.
- We will continue to work internally and with other parties to improve collection of accurate and verifiable harvest information. This information will be provided to the PCMB before the 2019 AHM.

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With respect to the PCMB's recommendations regarding other concerns, Government of Yukon offers the following for consideration:

- **Native User Agreements (NUAs):** Developing NUAs remains a priority. We are pleased with the progress to date and to co-fund this important initiative with the PCMB and other Parties so that activities 2.2.1, 2.2.2, and 2.2.4 as described in the HMP Implementation Plan (IP) can be completed.
- **Sale Trade and Barter Guidelines:** It is important to understand how First Nation and Inuvialuit communities interpret and implement the PCMB's 2011 Guidelines for the Sale, Trade, and Barter of Porcupine Caribou Meat. This understanding can help the PCMB and Parties decide on next steps, which may include additional education and communication to ensure implementation is consistent and follows the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement.
- **Encourage hunter's participation in programs:** We will continue to support the participation of member communities in gathering information on PCH harvest and body condition through our regional and harvest programs.
- **Hunter education:** We will continue to support hunter education and awareness programs to help ensure ethical harvesting practices and behaviors.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the PCMB and Parties to ensure the sustainable management of the PCH as described in the HMP and IP and look forward to completion of key priorities like the NUA. Our government remains committed to collaborative management of the PCH.

If you have any further questions, please contact Christine Cleghorn, Director Fish and Wildlife, at [Christine.Cleghorn@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Christine.Cleghorn@gov.yk.ca) or 867-667-5356.

Sincerely,



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