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Mr. Joe Tetlichi-Chair  
Porcupine Caribou Management Board  
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**Re: Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting 2014-PCMB Recommendations**

Dear Mr. Tetlichi:

The First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun would like to acknowledge the receipt of the letter dated February 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 with regards to the discussions and recommendations made during the PCMB Annual Harvest Meeting, held in Dawson City, Yukon: February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun has reviewed the **PCMB Annual Harvest Meeting Recommendations to the Parties** and supports the actions set forth in the Report.

*Section B, Recommended Harvest Management Zones and Harvest Management Actions* for the PCH to remain in the **Green Zone (above 115,000)** and its implications as follows:

- Harvest only the amount required
- Licensed hunters receive a maximum of two bull tags
- Shooting will be accurate and wounded animals will be retrieved; and
- Parties will collect rigorous and verifiable harvest data, to be provided at the Annual Harvest Meeting

Secondly, with regards to the PCMB recommendations for *Section C: Rational for Board Recommendations*, NNDFN is in support of criteria included in the following sections:

1. Harvest Management Assessment-Review of Indicators
2. Management Actions

Lastly, NNDFN has reviewed *Section D, Recommendations Regarding Other Concerns*, and is committed to moving forward with the following items:

1. Incorporate Traditional Knowledge and local hunter knowledge into process
2. Coordinate workshop on computer modeling-risk management and decision support tool
3. Finalize summary of historical harvest data collection efforts
4. Develop a Native user Agreement (NND/TH/VGG)
5. Encourage hunter participation in programs
6. Encourage hunter education programs
7. Monitoring human activity in PCH range
8. Address safety concerns increased grizzly bear/hunter interactions
9. Clarify Yukon outfitting and special guiding license provisions

In closing, NNDFN would like to thank the PCMB for their continued efforts in the management of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and look forward in continuing the collaborative measures taken to maintain a healthy population, for future generations.

If you have any questions with regards to our response to the recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact the NND-Fish and Wildlife Officer, Matthew McHugh at 867-996-2265 ext 143.

Sincerely,



Nacho Nyak Dun –Chief

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