



Game Council

# INUVALUIT GAME COUNCIL

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October 28, 2009

Joe Tetlich  
Chair  
Porcupine Caribou Management Board  
PO Box 31723  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6L3

**Re: Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan**

Dear Mr. <sup>Joe</sup>Tetlich,

The Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) had a final review of PCMB's Draft Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan ("HMP") at their September 26-29, 2009 meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon. This final review occurred after the IGC Directors had a chance to review the HMP with their respective Hunters and Trappers Committees (HTCs).

At this time I am pleased to inform you that the IGC passed the following motion in support of the HMP:

<b>{DM0909.14}</b>	<b>Be it resolved that the Inuvialuit Game Council hereby moves to support the Draft Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan as recommended by the Porcupine Caribou Management Board.</b>
<b>Moved by: Billy Storr</b>	
<b>Seconded by: Mary Banksland</b>	<b>Carried</b>

Further to this motion of support, the IGC wanted the PCMB to facilitate a gathering of the Parties to the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement in order to complete the signing of the HMP. We are in receipt of your October 19, 2009 correspondence expressing the PCMB's willingness to assist in the coordination of such a gathering. This gathering – and support for the HMP by all the Parties – is a key step towards moving forward on the details of implementing the management actions within the Plan.

The IGC also considered the commitments it would make to complete its portion of Appendix A in the HMP. Attached is a list of commitments the IGC would like included in Appendix A of the HMP.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the HMP Working Group and the PCMB with respect to the development and finalization of the draft HMP. It is a complicated task to develop such a Plan that affects several settlement regions in two different territorial jurisdictions, and has the involvement of the federal government. The IGC feels that the draft HMP is a fair compromise between

the various positions expressed by each Party during its development. It also had the benefit of an extensive consultation process in every community within the range of the Porcupine Caribou herd.

The IGC representatives for a gathering of the Parties would be Frank Pokiak, and/or Steven Baryluk, the Resource Management Coordinator for the Council. A preliminary review of our schedules indicates that the week of December 14-18 is the only time available in the time frame specified in your October 19, 2009 letter. We also have the weeks of January 4-8 and January 11-15, 2010 available at this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Steven Baryluk at the IGC office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Frank Pokiak  
Chair

cc:

Honourable Chuck Strahl – Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Premier Floyd Roland – Government of the Northwest Territories  
Premier Dennis Fentie – Government of Yukon  
Michael Miltenberger – GNWT, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
Elaine Taylor – YTG, Minister of Environment  
Richard Nerysoo – President, Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Simon Mervyn – Chief, Nacho Nyak Dun  
Eddie Taylor – Hahkè, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in  
Joe Linklater – Chief, Vuntut Gwich'in  
Lindsay Staples – Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)  
Larry Carpenter – Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)  
Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee  
Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee  
Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Committee  
Olokhtomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee  
Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee  
Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee

Encl.

- Inuvialuit Game Council Commitments to be Included in Appendix A of Draft Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **Inuvialuit Game Council Commitments to be Included in Appendix A of Draft Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan**

- Communication about the HMP (WMACs)
- Review and provide comments to annual technical report (WMACs, IGC)
- Support education and communication on hunter education and Best Practices
- Help GNWT and YG develop / finalize PCH Hunter Education package (HTCs)
- Help deliver Hunter Ed program when completed (joint between territorial governments, Yukon FNs, HTCs)
- Work with Territorial governments to collect and provide harvest data to the PCTC for the annual herd assessment (HTCs with help from WMACs)
- Continue to support operation of check stations in appropriate locations and encourage establishment of check stations outside the ISR where appropriate (WMACs, IGC)
- Continue communications between resource users, including Inupiat. Consider a user to user agreement with Inupiat similar to polar bear, whales (IGC)
- Follow existing process to implement an Annual Allowable Harvest, where necessary (WMACs)
- Work with Gwich'in using existing land claim processes to develop the NWT Native User Agreement (WMACs, IGC)
- Work with governments to help develop any necessary HTC bylaws and territorial regulations (WMACs, IGC and HTCs)