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Premier Floyd Roland
Government of the Northwest Territories
P.O. Box 1320
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Dear Premier Roland:

Re: Porcupine Caribou Herd

I am writing to express our government's continued support of the work currently underway by the various partners to complete a harvest management plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd and to seek your support for its timely completion.

As government leaders and as responsible management authorities, it will be necessary for us to put in place the required measures to support the implementation of a Harvest Management Plan. To address plan implementation in Yukon, the Yukon Government is committed to working with affected Yukon First Nations to identify the management requirements and associated responsibility for action. In order for the plan to succeed, it is essential that our implementation activities are coordinated and consistent to the extent possible. In this regard, I would encourage you to consider what necessary measures the Government of Northwest Territories may also need to carry out in support of conservation of the herd and future harvest management plan implementation.

I am confident that through the collective commitment of all affected partners and coordinated management of this herd we will be able to achieve our mutual objectives as set out in the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement and provide for the continued needs of subsistence and licensed harvesters in our respective territories. The Yukon Government looks forward to receiving the recommended harvest management plan and working with you as noted above.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fentie
Premier

cc: Honourable Elaine Taylor, Yukon Minister of Environment
Chief Joe Linklater, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
Chief Darren Taylor, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation
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Porcupine Caribou Management Board