



March 31st, 2020

Joe Tetlich
Chair, Porcupine Caribou Management Board
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Dear Mr. Tetlich:

RE: Harvest Management Plan 2020 Annual Harvest Meeting- PCMB Recommendations

Thank you for your letter, dated March 4th, 2020, outlining the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's (PCMB) Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) recommendations which were determined by information that was submitted to the PCMB by the Parties at the AHM held in Dawson City, Yukon, February 11-14th, 2020.

The recommendations, as found in Section B of the "Porcupine Caribou Management Board Recommendations to the Parties (February 2020)", have been reviewed by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. We understand that the PCMB recommends:

- Harvest management actions for the Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) should be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou);

Consistent with the 'Green Zone' harvest management actions found in the Harvest Management Plan (HMP), Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in understands that the PCMB is recommending:

- Harvest only the amount needed;
- 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 before the Annual Harvest Management Meeting.

Further to the PCMB's recommended harvest management actions, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has reviewed the additional recommendations regarding other concerns, including:

- Encourage hunter participation in programs
- Education initiatives
- Outstanding HMP implementation Plan activities (Activity 2.2.3 & 2.2.5).

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in supports the PCMB's recommended harvest management zone and harvest management actions. Further to this, we would like to convey our continued support and commitment for improving hunting ethics in relation to PCH through education initiatives, such as sight-in-your-rifle events, hunter workshops and cultural/educations camps. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in continues to host the annual First Hunt culture camp to educate youth about hunting ethics and protocols, and has had great success with this initiative. Our Fish and Wildlife Branch also continues to work with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens to collect harvest data in support of the Harvest Management Plan and to assist with harvest estimates.

Furthermore, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in is prepared to work with the Parties to implement the terms of the HMP Implementation Plan as recommended by the PCMB.

We thank you for your summary of the PCMB AHM recommendations for 2020 and we look forward to working with the Board and all other Parties to ensure effective implementation of these management actions in the coming year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-993-7100 ext. 145 or Darren.Taylor@trondek.ca if you have any questions or would like to follow up on our response to the AHM recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'DT', is positioned above the typed name.

Darren Taylor
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Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

cc. Deana Lemke PCMB Executive Director