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Dear Mr. Tetlich:

Harvest Management Plan 2021 Annual Harvest Meeting – PCMB Recommendations

Thank you for your letter dated March 08, 2021 summarizing the Porcupine Caribou Management Board’s (PCMB) Annual Harvest Meeting held on February 09 and 10, 2021.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) supports the PCMB recommendation that the Porcupine caribou herd be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000) and that the following harvest management actions be implemented:

- 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 meeting.

Obtaining an accurate and verifiable estimate of harvest from the Porcupine caribou herd is an essential step in determining the status of the herd and appropriate management actions. ENR supports the Gwich’in Renewable Resources Board and the Inuvialuit Joint Secretariat in the implementation of their harvest reporting programs. Technical staff from ENR would be happy to participate in a workshop-style meeting coordinated by the PCMB to discuss harvest reporting.

ENR looks forward to the next Annual Harvest Meeting scheduled for February 08 and 09, 2022. Representatives from the Department will be prepared for a discussion on whether an evaluation of the Harvest Management Plan and Implementation Plan is needed.

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I would like to thank the PCMB for its ongoing efforts to ensure the sustainable management of the Porcupine caribou herd, as described in the Harvest Management Plan and Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,



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