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RE: Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan (PCHHMP)

Dear Mr. Tetlich,

In response to your letter dated October 19, 2009, this letter will reiterate the First Nation of Na Cho Nyak Dun (NNDNFN) response originally dated August 27, 2009 in regards to NNDNFN position for full support of the Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan (PCHHMP).

First and foremost, NNDNFN would like to acknowledge and thank the working group members in the completion of the proposed PCHHMP, as well as, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board for their contributions in finalization of the plan. We feel that because it has not been a simple endeavor at working across the Canadian transboundary range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH), this is an immense accomplishment towards the sustainability of the PCH, their Canadian Range, and the efforts of a co-managed, sustainable harvest for now and future generations to come.

As our commitment to the plan and actions identified, we accept the recommended proposed plan. The First Nation of Na Cho Nyak Dun would like to confirm our support of the PCHHMP, and would be honored to participate in the upcoming PCHHMP signing ceremony and official approval of the plan.

We do however feel that there are outstanding issues that must be addressed in regards to 'harvest reporting'. Currently, there are issues which revolve around the ability of Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) in NWT ability for harvest reporting process: funding to allow for cost of gathering harvest data. First Nation communities are very isolated within GTC areas making it very costly to travel community to community to collect this information- on Yukon side, GTC cannot apply for Yukon funding as they do not 'reside' in Yukon; and, GTC cannot allocate funds received from NWT Government for Yukon based projects.

Future commitments planned as part of implementing PCHHMP for the First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun

- Communicating and implementing of the Porcupine Caribou HMP and the obligatory requirement for regulatory measures in regards to conservation of the herd
- Continuing annual collection of harvest data and providing data annually or as requested to the PCMB or the Porcupine Caribou Technical Committee, including reviewing and providing comments in regards to the Porcupine Caribou annual technical report

- Assisting in providing 'standardized' education programs and communication in regards to Best Practices and Hunter Ethics
- Continuing communications and relations between resources users, signatory partners and assist partners in developing relations and communications with Alaska communities
- Participating in the Porcupine Caribou Total Allowable Harvest Management Process
- Conducting consultation with NNDFN citizens in regards to Aboriginal Total Allowable Harvest Allocation
- Managing and administering the Porcupine Caribou harvest activities conducted by NNDFN citizens

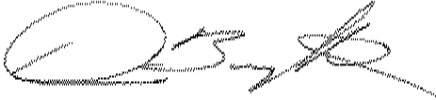
At this time, we would like to identify Dennis Buyck, Lands Manager, and, Dawna Hope, Lands Policy/Fish and Wildlife, as representatives for NNDFN in regards to involvement of future meetings, working on outstanding issues, and bringing the plan to finalization.

Currently, both Dennis and Dawna are available through the months of November and December, with the exception of:

- November 2-6
- December 18- January 5, 2010 (NNDFN offices will be closed for Christmas Holidays)

If you have further comments or concerns in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Dennis Buyck- NND Lands Director

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Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)
Mayo District Renewable Resources Council
Gwichin Tribal Council