



Porcupine Caribou Management Board

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PCMB RECOMMENDS VOLUNTARY HARVESTING CLOSURE DURING SOUTHWARD HERD MIGRATION

Will the Porcupine Caribou herd return to historical winter ranges this year?

Whitehorse, Yukon, August 1, 2019 – To promote the Porcupine Caribou herd's southward migration into portions of their historical winter range the PCMB is asking harvesters to voluntarily refrain from harvesting Porcupine Caribou while the herd is on its southward migration.

Community Elders have recently stated that if the Porcupine Caribou herd is not harvested during its southern migration, the herd may again move toward the Dempster Highway and the Trail and Caribou River areas and that if they are allowed to migrate undisturbed across the Dempster, they will probably winter in that area which will give hunters an opportunity to hunt them during the winter.

The Porcupine Caribou herd is moving south. The PCMB supports the communication initiatives of respected community representatives who recommend leaving the herd alone while moving south. It is hoped that allowing the herd to be undisturbed when migrating south will encourage them to move across the Dempster Highway and spend the winter in areas that have not been used as wintering grounds for years.

The PCMB hopes that all traditional user groups will show leadership in managing the herd according to traditional knowledge and will demonstrate cooperation with the recommendations of individual user groups when the herd is in their respective traditional territories.



The Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) is an advisory board established under the *Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement (1985)* to communicate information about the herd and provide recommendations to agencies responsible for managing the herd.

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