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Mr. Joe Tetlich, Chair
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Dear Mr. Tetlich:

Harvest Management Plan 2018 Annual Harvest Meeting – PCMB Recommendations

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 2018 summarizing the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's (PCMB) eighth Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) held in Dawson City, Yukon on February 13 and 14, 2018. As requested I am writing to respond to the PCMB's recommendations.

Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) agrees with the PCMB's recommendation that the herd be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou). ENR also agrees with the recommended harvest management actions that are fully consistent with the 2010 Harvest Management Plan (HMP). ENR will continue to support the Parties efforts, through the Board, to ensure these agreements are developed as outlined in the HMP implementation plan.

Under the Northwest Territories *Wildlife Act* there is a need for a clear definition of commercial and ENR continues to work with our co-management partners to develop these regulations. We look forward to the work the PCMB is doing on the Sale, Trade and Barter Guidelines.

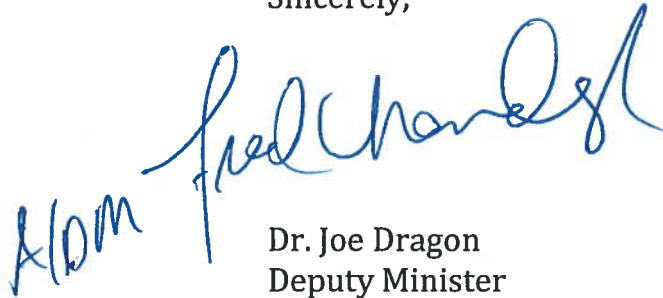
ENR agrees that all Parties need to encourage hunter participation and continue to improve harvest reporting so that the estimated harvest reflects full reporting from all user communities. As the PCMB suggest, increasing the sample size of caribou assessed for body condition each year would be beneficial in supporting our ability to track herd health over time.

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ENR is committed to ensuring we all are as educated as we can be about caribou. We take pride in the work that we do with our co-management partners on collaboratively led education initiatives, including sight-in-your-rifle events and check stations.

I would like to thank the PCMB for its continued leadership and commitment to support conservation and management of the porcupine caribou herd, and for working closely with communities and co-management partners in the NWT and Yukon that rely on this important shared resource.

Sincerely,



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