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Gwich'in Tribal Council
Gwich'in land, culture & economy for a better future

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Joe Tetlich, Jr.
Chair, Porcupine Caribou Management Board
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RE: Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan

Dear Mr. Tetlich:

On February 11th and 12th, 2015 two Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) staff members attended the Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) under the guise of observer status.

The 2-day meeting gathered input and deliberated on the harvest management recommendations for the Porcupine Caribou Herd. Based on the information available at that time the GTC accepts the position of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) that the Porcupine Caribou Herd be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou) and accepts the harvest management actions under this recommendation. With recommendations regarding other concerns the GTC supports the following recommendations of the PCMB:

- Incorporate local hunter and traditional knowledge into process
- Coordinate workshop on computer modelling
- Develop Native User Agreements
- Encourage hunter participation in programs
- Communicate clear messaging regarding regulations and harvesting

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

Sincerely,

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