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Sent via Email: dlemke@pcmb.ca

Dear Mr. Tetlich

Re: Harvest Management Plan 2020 – PCMB recommendations

Thank you for your letter dated March 4, 2020 regarding the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's (PCMB) harvest management recommendations resulting from the 2020 Annual Harvest meeting. The Vuntut Gwitchin Government (VGG) accepts the PCMB's Green Zone designation and the associated management actions. Furthermore, VGG supports PCMB's recommendations regarding other concerns, specifically:

1. Encouraging hunter participation in programs – VGG is committed to improving our methods for data collection and hunter outreach.
2. Education initiatives – VGG holds several events throughout the year at which the latest information/observations/traditional knowledge, traditional and contemporary hunting practices, and harvesting programs regarding the PCH are discussed.
3. Outstanding HMP Implementation Plan activities – VGG remains committed to working with the Parties to complete:
 - a. 2.2.3: Development of a Yukon First Nations Yukon Government Agreement that addresses the allocation of the Annual Allowable Harvest in the orange zone between licensed and First Nation users
 - b. 2.2.5: Development of an NWT/Yukon/PCA administrative arrangement to recognize a range-wide Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) tag.

Additionally, as pointed out in your letter, VGG acknowledges that harvest data was not submitted for the 2018-2019 harvest year. VGG is committed to working with PCMB to produce robust data on the Porcupine Caribou Herd and will endeavor to submit harvest data in a timely manner in the future.

VG values the collaborative work of the PCMB and we look forward to our continued efforts towards responsible and sustainable management of the PCH.

Sincerely,



Dana Tizya-Tramm
Chief