



## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (NWT)



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### Shane Thompson

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### Re: Sahtú Ragóᓃa (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Report on the Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Session, 2020

Dear Minister Thompson,

At their November/December 2020 meetings, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC [NWT]) and Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) reviewed the *Sahtú Ragóᓃa (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Report on the Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Session, 2020*. The Councils share concerns regarding the report and its recommendations, which have implications for the collaborative management of migratory herds which are shared across land claim regions.

In particular, the Councils are concerned about “Decision 6.1”: to remove the Total Allowable Harvest in Sahtú Barren-Ground Caribou Hunting Area S/BC/01. Bluenose-West is a shared herd and the Taking Care of Caribou Management Plan is the framework agreed to for the management of this herd. This “decision” and other recommendations in this report have a direct impact on the Inuvialuit who have been under quota since 2006, enduring hardships for herd conservation. In ENR’s response to this report it is the Council’s expectation that the impacts on adjacent Indigenous groups who share this migratory species are seriously considered.

The Councils will send more detailed comments, after they have received a legal review of the report and its implications.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)  
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Jim Elias  
A/Chair, Inuvialuit Game Council

Joe Ashevak – Chair, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board  
Camilla Tutcho - Chair, Sahtú Renewable Resources Board  
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Joseph Judas – Chair, Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board  
Jozef Carnogursky - Chairperson, Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board