



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (NWT)



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The Honourable Shane Thompson

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

Further to our letter dated December 4, 2020,¹ the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (“WMAC”) and Inuvialuit Game Council (“IGC”) have concerns with several of the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board’s decisions in the Colville Report. In particular, the Councils are concerned about Decision 6.1 to remove the Total Allowable Harvest for the shared Bluenose West caribou herd in Sahtú Barren-Ground Caribou Hunting Area (S/BC/01).

The SRRB’s Bluenose West caribou management recommendations, as outlined in the Colville Report, will affect Inuvialuit caribou harvesting restrictions and rights, the collaborative relationship between members of the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management, and the effectiveness of the cooperative wildlife co-management process in the NWT.

WMAC and IGC are in the process of preparing a detailed submission outlining the Councils’ collective concerns. We anticipate providing that submission to your office before the end of January.

We understand that ENR planned to provide its response to the Colville Report by January 29, 2021.² The Councils respectfully request that ENR wait to issue its response

¹ Letter from WMAC and IGC to ENR re Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Report on the Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Session, 2020 dated December 4, 2020, retrieved from: https://srrb.nt.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=1990-20-12-04-wmac-nwt-and-igc-to-enr-minister-re-colville-2020-public-listening-report&category_slug=8-0-final-report&Itemid=1818

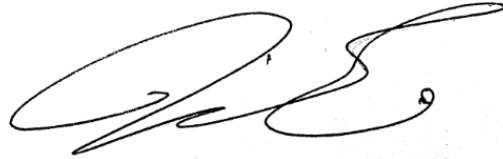
² Letter from Minister of ENR to SRRB re Timeline Extension - SRRB Final Report of Colville Lake Public Listening Session: Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting, January 21-23, 2020 dated November 26, 2020, retrieved from: https://srrb.nt.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=1989-20-11-26-enr-srrb-colville-2020-public-listening-report-timeline-extension&category_slug=8-0-final-report&Itemid=1818

to the Colville Report until ENR has had an opportunity to review the Councils' submission.

Sincerely,



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