



**Sahtu Renewable
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Honorable Michael McLeod
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Re: Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Recommendation

Mr. McLeod:

In our 20 December 2006 letter, the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) provided a list of recommendations for regulation change and management actions for consideration (SRRB Motion #12-18-06-01). At this time, the Board would like to table the following recommendation:

- Set a total allowable harvest (TAH) for the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd at 4% of the 2006 photo-census results for subsistence harvesting until a new population estimate is available in 2009 and to limit the harvest of females at 20% of the TAH. The TAH will be distributed between regions based on percentages agreed to by the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee (NWT), the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, and the SRRB.

The Board feels that it would be remiss to continue without holding a public hearing, as per the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement Section 13.8.21 (b): "A public hearing shall be held when the Board intends to consider establishing a total allowable harvest and a Sahtu Needs Level in respect of a species or population of wildlife that has not been subject to a total allowable harvest level within the previous two years." Following the hearing, the SRRB will review the tabled recommendation.

The Board will continue to provide information to Environment & Natural Resources and other wildlife management boards as the planning progresses. If there are any questions, please contact our office at (867) 588-4040. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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