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***RE: Information requests - Belarewı́é Gots'ę ʔekwé – Caribou Forever plan***

The ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'ę Nákedi (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) has reviewed the Belarewı́é Gots'ę ʔekwé plan and respectfully requests responses to the following six questions:

**1. Understanding the environment in which ʔekwé live**

Sahtu Dene and Metis know ʔekwé behaviour and habitat as well as other detailed knowledge, and rules and laws governing people's relations with ʔekwé. Please explain what types of information you would like from the scientists about the environment that might help in future community planning.

**2. Keeping the land healthy**

One of the points under your section "Dene há ʔekwé há - What makes people and ʔekwé healthy?" is to keep the land healthy. Please explain Délıne views on how the land is kept healthy.

**3. Defining ʔekwé populations**

The Deline plan acknowledges the ACCWM's *Taking Care of Caribou* plan which separates caribou into three separately managed herds – Bluenose East, Bluenose West and Cape Bathurst. The *Taking Care of Caribou* plan recognizes that the definition of herds is a hot topic that needs to be resolved. Please clarify whether Délıne wishes to see decisions made about the Bluenose East and Bluenose West herds separately or as one population.

#### **4. Ecotourism program**

One of the objectives associated with the plan for stewardship (conservation) is an ecotourism program to be self-sustaining by 2020. Please explain why the ecotourism program important to your Ɂekwé conservation plan? How is it linked to Ɂekwé conservation?

#### **5. Working together**

Your proposal mentions that the allocation of regional Ɂekwé harvesting quotas is causing competition among regions, communities and families. What do you think could happen that would address this problem?

#### **6. Reviewing and revising the plan**

Your proposal points out that it's helpful in planning: "to change the process when it needs changing." The proposal also notes that "it's important to review the plan often to see what's working, what's not working, how we are progressing on our objectives, and plan our next steps." How will Déljñę Got'jñę know when the plan needs changing? What is the process for making changes?