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Mr. George Barnaby, Chair Sahtú Renewable Resources Board PO BOX 134 TULÍT'A NT XOE 0K0 Email: <u>agbarnaby@hotmail.com</u>

Dear Mr. Barnaby:

Changed Report Timeline

Thank you for your letter dated March 19, 2020 informing that the Sahtú Renewable Resource Board's (SRRB) will delay the issuance of the Colville 2020 Public Listening Report by one month, to April 30, 2020. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) understands the reason for the deferred timeline as we all adjust to the changes due to COVID-19.

In an email to parties to the Colville 2020 Public Listening (dated April 6, 2020), the SRRB reminded parties that the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that, unless the Minister directs otherwise, the SRRB's Final Report will remain confidential for a period of 60 days, or until June 29, 2020, under the deferred timeline. I request that the SRRB make the report public on April 30, 2020.

We look forward to working with the SRRB to complete the Colville 2020 Public Listening process.

Sincerely,

Shane Thompson Minister Environment and Natural Resources

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