





3. During regional workshops on Dene Knowledge during 2019-2020, there were comments that muskoxen and caribou do not get along. There were also questions on whether the increasing muskox populations are contributing to decreasing barren-ground caribou populations.

### Information Request 1.2:

#### *Sahtú Ragóza (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting*

*The following IRs arise from SRRB decisions and recommendations from the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session.*

#### *SRRB IRs to all interested parties*

1. The SRRB made five recommendations related to barren-ground caribou hunting areas in the Sahtú region (Recommendations 7.1-7.5). Further evidence is needed to address area boundaries appropriately with respect to community jurisdictions. How should the Sahtú region define jurisdictions for barren-ground caribou harvest regulation?
2. Oral submissions to the Colville 2020 Public Listening Session indicate that *Wildlife Act* residency provisions and hunter education remain a “hot topic” within the Sahtú region. The SRRB wishes to consider this topic at the 2021 Public Listening Session. What roles do residency requirements and hunter education play in fostering or inhibiting respect for Dene harvesting protocols?
  1. Although this question is better answered by the Chiefs, I believe the defining of the boundaries for community jurisdictions must be a collaborative endeavour. The goal should be to develop community/regional authorities between the communities and within in the region and then with regions and communities with common boundaries. Once agreement is achieved at this level, ENR should be informed of the agreements and develop its work plans accordingly. I do not believe there will be a “one model for all” result. Each community and each region will likely have its own slightly different concept and plan.
  2. The response to this question is very political and better suited for the Chiefs. It would be great to see resident hunters be required to take an educational-type course when it comes to obtaining NWT hunting licences for species critical to Dene culture.