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*Sent via e-mail*

### **Re: 2021-2024 Dìga Revised Joint Management Proposal**

Dear Jody Pellissey,

The Délinę Renewable Resources Council (DRRC) has concerns regarding the joint proposal by Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) and Tłıchǫ Government (TG) entitled "*Revised Joint Proposal on Management Actions for Wolves (dìga) on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou (zekwǫ) Herd Winter Ranges: 2021 – 2024.*"

For many years now, Délinę and other Sahtú communities have been expressing their concerns regarding dıga (wolf) culls to ENR and co-management bodies including the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) and the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB). At the 2016 SRRB hearing on Bluenose East, Elders from all 5 Sahtú communities described the important relationship between dıga and zekwǫ (caribou). The Elders explained that the dıga keep the zekwǫ populations healthy, that killing all the dıga might actually wipe out the zekwǫ, and that the dıga must be respected. This relationship is also described in Délinę's Belarewıle Gots'ę Zekwǫ, or caribou conservation plan, which was formally approved as a community conservation plan by the SRRB and was accepted and endorsed by the Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources in 2016.



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The DRRC is concerned that ENR and TG's joint proposal has not considered the perspective of Sahtú Dene Elders. The DRRC does not believe that aerial shooting is respectful of the díga, and is concerned that this approach will not protect ʔekwé. In addition to being opposed to this specific method of díga culls, the DRRC is opposed to any díga culls occurring in or near the overlap area between the Déliṅę and WRRB boundaries.

The DRRC requests information on where the díga culls will be occurring and what impact they will have on díga within the Déliṅę area specifically and within the Sahtú region generally. The DRRC requests that the WRRB hold a full hearing to ensure that there is sufficient consultation on this matter of great importance to the Déliṅę Got'ıṅę.

Sincerely,

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*Déliṅę Renewable Resources Council*

CC Deborah Simmons, Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

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