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**Re: written application for standing specific to Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Public Hearing**

Mr. Tootoo,

As per instructions in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (April 30, 2015), the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) provides the required information in order to be considered for a grant of standing by the Nunavut Planning Commission.

Individuals:

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Language:

English

Summary of Interest:

The WRRB has a mandate for wildlife, plant and forest management in Wek'èezhì and adheres to the principles and practices of conservation in fulfilling its duties. The WRRB has interest in the highest form of protection for barren-ground caribou calving grounds, notably for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East herds that overlap both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Calving grounds are an area where no exploration or development should occur at any time, as they are significantly important for caribou ecology both spatially and temporally. The WRRB's

interest is related to the potential transboundary effects of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) to the Northwest Territories through the DNLUP's potential impacts on migratory species such as the barren-ground caribou, and Species at Risk such as the grizzly bear, wolverine, short-eared owl and Peregrine falcon.

Nature and Scope of Participation:

The WRRB is interested in attending the Public Hearing for the DNLUP; date and location are yet to be determined. The WRRB is also interested in participating in the Pre-Hearing Conference (July 14 to 16, 2015), and wishes to participate via conference call. The WRRB wishes to be kept informed of the Technical Meeting (June 23 to 26, 2015) outcomes, but does not plan to attend. As mentioned, the issue the WRRB is particularly interested is the protection of calving grounds, and the approaches that the DNLUP may take in order to ensure their protection. Tłı̄ch̄q harvesters have been limited in their harvest of the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou herds in order to allow the herds every opportunity to recover and increase in size. Activities on calving grounds may put the herds at further risk and ultimately affect harvesting opportunities for Tłı̄ch̄q and other Aboriginal harvesters in NWT.

We trust this information is sufficient, and look forward to the NCP's review of the WRRB's interest in the continuing Land Use Plan process. In addition, the WRRB will provide a letter in the near future outlining the Board's perspectives on our wildlife-related concerns in more detail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or [jpellissey@wrrb.ca](mailto:jpellissey@wrrb.ca).

Sincerely,



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