



March 16, 2022

Joe Tetlich
Chair, Porcupine Caribou Management Board
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Dear Chair Tetlich:

Re: Harvest Management Plan 2022 Annual Harvest Meeting – Porcupine Caribou Management Board Recommendations

Thank you for your February 24, 2022, letter outlining the management recommendations established at the 12th Annual Harvest Meeting for the Porcupine Caribou Herd held virtually over Zoom.

The Government of Yukon accepts the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's recommendation that the Porcupine Caribou Herd is in the Green Zone. We will continue to manage the herd consistent with the Green Zone, as described in the Harvest Management Plan (HMP). Specifically:

- Harvesters will be encouraged to only take what they need. We echo the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's recommendation of taking bulls where possible, as harvesting bulls impacts the herd less than harvesting cows.
- Licensed harvesters will receive a maximum of two bull tags.
- We will continue to support hunter education and awareness programs, including "sight in your rifle" events and initiatives that speak to the importance of retrieving wounded animals.
- We will continue to work internally and with other parties to improve the collection of accurate and verifiable harvest information. This information will be provided to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board before the 2023 Annual Harvest Meeting.

With respect to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's recommendations regarding other concerns, the Government of Yukon offers the following for consideration:

- **Parties' technical staff meet this year to discuss harvest reporting programs:** Government of Yukon officials would be pleased to attend a workshop-style meeting with subject matter experts to discuss Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement Parties' harvest reporting challenges, concerns, and successes.

Mr. Tetlich

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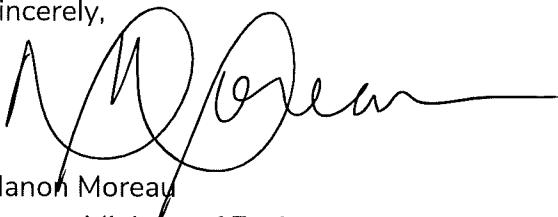
The Yukon's mandatory harvest reporting requirement continues to enable the collection of accurate and verifiable harvest data and verifiable harvest data from Yukon's licensed hunters.

- **Parties and stakeholders ensure staff are aware of HMP and Implementation Plan (IP) commitments:** The Government of Yukon has multiple staff positions that are collectively dedicated to upholding commitments in the HMP and IP and will continue to work together with the Parties to contribute to successful implementation of these plans.
- **Promote public awareness of harvest-related issues:** Government of Yukon officials would be pleased to work with the Board to develop communications materials to address important harvest-related issues. The Yukon's enforcement staff will continue to collaborate with our counterparts in the Northwest Territories to ensure consistent messaging and adequate patrol coverage.
- **Parties review the HMP and IP with respect to whether an evaluation should be completed and report back their recommendations at the 2023 Annual Harvest Meeting:** As agreed to at the 2022 Annual Harvest Meeting, the Yukon will be prepared to discuss the need for adjustments to both the HMP and the IP at the next annual meeting in 2023.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board and Parties to ensure the sustainable management of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, as described in both the Harvest and Implementation Plans. Our government remains committed to the collaborative management of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

If you have any further questions, please contact Marc Cattet, Director, Fish and Wildlife Branch, at Marc.Cattet@yukon.ca or 867-667-5715.

Sincerely,



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cc. Marc Cattet, Director, Fish and Wildlife