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Mr. Joe Tetlich, chair
Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB)
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Dear Mr. Tetlich

RE: PCMB Annual Harvest Meeting recommendations

The Vuntut Gwitchin Government would like to thank the PCMB for all its hard work and the ability of board members to work together on preserving one of our most precious resources. We received the document entitled “Porcupine Caribou Management Board Recommendations to the Parties” on March 14th 2022. It is with appreciation that we submit our comments as follows:

Vuntut Gwitchin Government is in full support of the document’s “Section B: Recommended Harvest Management Zone and Harvest Management Actions”. Specifically, we support the recommendation to remain in the green management zone as outlined in the Harvest Management Plan (pg.20). This entails the following actions:

- Harvest only the amount needed;
- Licenced hunters receive a maximum of two bull tags;
- Shooting will be accurate and wounded animals will be retrieved; and
- Parties will collect rigorous and verifiable harvest data, to be provided for the Annual Harvest Meeting.

In addition, the Vuntut Gwitchin Government also supports the recommendations in Section D:

- Parties technical staff meet this year to discuss harvest reporting programs;
- Promote public awareness of harvest-related issues;
- Parties and stakeholders ensure staff are aware of HMP and IP commitments;
- Parties review the Harvest Management Plan and the Implementation Plan with respect to whether an evaluation should be completed.

We look forward to hearing additional details regarding the meeting of technical staff this year. For future Annual Harvest Meetings, we request an agenda be provided with approximate times for meeting items. We are aware that the meeting format is in the Annual Harvest Meeting’s Terms of Reference. Nonetheless it would facilitate the participation of busy community members and harvesters to know approximately what time they are expected to speak at the meeting.

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We would like to take this time to express our appreciation of the efforts the board has made with the Annual Harvest Meeting and Harvest Management Plan. We concur with the Board's recommendations and look forward to building a strong partnership between the PCMB and Vuntut Gwitchin Government.

Sincerely,

Vuntut Gwitchin Government

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Tizya-Tramm', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dana Tizya-Tramm
Chief