



April 21, 2023

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via email: dlemke@pcmb.ca

Dear Mr. Tetlich,

**Re: Harvest Management Plan 2023 Annual Harvest Meeting – PCMB
Recommendations**

Thank you for your letter, dated March 8, 2023, outlining the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's (PCMB) Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) recommendations which were determined by information that was submitted to the PCMB by the Parties at the AHM held in Dawson on February 14 and 15, 2023.

The recommendations, as found in Section B of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board Recommendations to the Parties March 2023, have been reviewed by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH).

We understand that the PCMB recommends:

Harvest management actions for the Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) should be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou);

Consistent with the 'Green Zone' harvest management actions found in the Harvest Management Plan (HMP), Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in understands that the PCMB is recommending:

- Harvest only the amount needed;
- Licensed 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 before the Annual Harvest Management Meeting.

Furthermore, we acknowledge the additional recommendations provided by PCMB regarding other concerns, found in Section D:

- Increase community accessibility to Annual Harvest Meeting;
- Advise the Board of PCH outreach priorities for the development of communication materials; and
- Parties recommend the HMP and IP be reviewed following completion of the Conservation Plan or as needed, pending the herd status.

TH supports the PCMB's recommended harvest management zone and harvest management actions. Further to this, we would like to convey our continued support and

commitment for improving hunting ethics in relation to Porcupine caribou through education initiatives, such as sight-in-your-rifle events, hunter workshops and cultural/educations camps. TH continues to prioritize hosting our annual First Hunt culture camp to educate youth about hunting ethics and protocols, and we have had decades of success with this initiative. Our Fish and Wildlife Branch also continues to work with TH Citizens to collect harvest data in support of the Harvest Management Plan and to assist with harvest estimates. Furthermore, TH is prepared to work with the Parties to implement the terms of the HMP Implementation Plan as recommended by the PCMB.

We thank you for your summary of the PCMB AHM recommendations for 2023 and we look forward to working with the PCMB and all other Parties to ensure effective implementation of these management actions in the coming year.

Please contact Karlie Knight, Fish and Wildlife Manager, (867) 993-7100 ext. 160, Karlie.Knight@trondek.ca if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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