Mr. Joe Tetlichi Chair Porcupine Caribou Management Board Box 31723 Whitehorse YT Y1A 6L3 itetlichi31@northwestel.net

Dear Mr. Tetlichi:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 2023, regarding the 2023 Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM) and harvest management recommendations. I apologize for my delayed reply.

I am pleased that the Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) is continuing to recommend harvest management actions consistent with the Green Zone of the Harvest Management Plan. Based on the information provided, I am in agreement with the recommendation of the Board.

Although not all Parties submitted harvest data in time for the AHM, and this is a perennial issue, we hope that the PCMB will continue to work with communities to improve hunter participation and reporting rates over the next year. We hope that conditions cooperate this summer to complete a population census and confirm that the population is still in the green zone as suggested by the population model.

I am encouraged to hear that significant progress is being made on the Porcupine Caribou Conservation Plan and TK mobilization project and am pleased we were able to help support that work with our grant and contribution funding.

I appreciate the efforts of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board this year to ensure harvest management actions are made based on best available information.

Sincerely,

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cc. Bruce MacDonald, Regional Director, Northern Region, Canadian Wildlife Service Craig Machtans, Party Representative for Canada at the Annual Harvest Meeting, Manager, Northern Region, Canadian Wildlife Service

