



April 1, 2026

Joseph Tetlich
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Dear Mr. Tetlich,

Re: Response to 2026 PCMB Recommendations to the Parties

Mähsj' Cho (thank you) for your letter dated March 12, 2026, outlining the Porcupine Caribou Management Board's 2026 recommendations. The recommendations have been reviewed by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) jëje-in (employees) and Council.

We understand that the PCMB recommends that the Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) remain in the 'Green Zone' – above 115,000 *wëdzey* (caribou) – given the information provided at the 2026 Annual Harvest Meeting (AHM). Consistent with the 'Green Zone' harvest management actions found in the Harvest Management Plan (HMP), TH 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 for the AHM.

TH supports the PCMB's recommended harvest management zone and associated harvest management actions. Further to this, we would like to convey our continued support and commitment for improving hunting ethics in relation to the PCH through education initiatives, such as sight in your rifle events, hunter workshops, and culture/ education camps. TH continues to host the annual First Hunt culture camp and educates youth about hunting ethics and protocols and has had great success with this initiative. Our Fish and Wildlife Branch also continue to work with TH Citizens to collect harvest data in support of the PCMB HMP and to assist with harvest estimates. Furthermore, TH is prepared to work with the Parties to implement the terms of the HMP Implementation Plan recommended by the PCMB.

Further, TH Council will formally appoint TH representation to the Native User Commission to help advance discussions on harvest allocations under the Native User Agreement. TH Fish and Wildlife *jëje-in* will continue technical discussions with Yukon Government (YG) staff to discuss harvest sharing arrangements between Yukon First Nations and Yukon licenced hunters.

Mähsj' cho for your summary of the PMCH recommendations for 2026 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.

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Should you have any follow-up comments, please do not hesitate to contact Karlie Knight, TH Fish and Wildlife Manager, at fish.wildlife.manager@trondek.ca.

Mähsj' cho,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DT' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Hähkè Darren Taylor
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in