



May 14, 2009

Joe Tetlich, Chair
Porcupine Caribou Management Board
Box 31723
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6L3

Dear Mr. Tetlich:

Re: Porcupine Caribou Harvest Plan

We write to you to express our support for the collective efforts of the parties to complete a harvest management plan for the Porcupine Caribou herd. We remain optimistic that the working group will complete a draft harvest management plan for submission to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board for its review and recommendation. The Board is strongly encouraged to complete their review of the draft plan and provide its recommendations to the parties in a timely manner.

While we remain committed to the completion and implementation of a harvest management plan that reflects the interests of all affected parties, we recognize our responsibility as managing authorities to respond to the immediate conservation needs of this herd. The population projections strongly suggest that this herd will continue to decline unless interim measures are implemented. While we appreciate the valuable work completed to date, a draft harvest management plan continues to be delayed. In the absence of a harvest management plan being delivered by the end of June 2009, the Yukon Government and Government of the Northwest Territories are prepared to develop interim measures for conservation purposes.

We believe a precautionary approach to be consistent with conservation management objectives for this herd, and respectful of the national and international significance of this caribou herd while providing for the ongoing subsistence needs of aboriginal people and the interests of others. The Board's ongoing commitment to the conservation of the herd is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Premier Dennis Fentie
Yukon Government

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Floyd Roland".

Premier Floyd Roland
Government of the Northwest Territories