

Porcupine Caribou Management Board

Resolution 06-02

For the Conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd

WHEREAS the *Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement (PCMA)* was established to ensure the conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd with a view to protecting the harvesting rights and providing for the ongoing subsistence needs of native users while acknowledging that other users may also share the harvest;

AND WHEREAS the rights of native users as set out in the PCMA are subject to laws of general application with regard to conservation and public safety;

AND WHEREAS the size of the Porcupine Caribou Herd has declined steadily between 1989 and the most recent count in 2001;

AND WHEREAS there has been four unsuccessful attempts to do another count since 2003;

AND WHEREAS many barren ground herds in North America such as the Cape Bathurst and Bluenose-West caribou herds in the Northwest Territories are declining;

AND WHEREAS there is increased harvest pressure on the Porcupine Caribou Herd due to shifts in hunting pressure away from the NWT herds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMB believes that it is now necessary to take immediate steps to ensure the conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMB recommends that the Parties to the PCMA work with the PCMB to jointly undertake a comprehensive assessment of the status of the herd at the earliest opportunity;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMB recommends that the Parties to the PCMA provide the necessary support to annually collect complete and accurate harvest data and to participate in the development and implementation of a Harvest Management Strategy.

Moved by Doug Larsen

Seconded by Steven Buyck

Passed Unanimously in Aklavik, NT, on November 5, 2006