



Porcupine Caribou Management Board

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Dear Ms. Cooley:

RE: Porcupine Caribou Herd Satellite Collar Project

As you know, the PCMB has passed a resolution on November 5, 2006, noting among other things that the Porcupine Caribou Herd is in immediate need of conservation.

Pursuant to that resolution, the PCMB is now requesting that the Porcupine Caribou Herd Satellite Collar Project stop updating the Web site with the current locations of the herd. We note that the two-week delay does not in our view provide enough protection from hunters who consult the Web site to determine when and where to hunt. The PCMB does, however, request that the seasonal information remain because of its educational value.

I would like to emphasize that the PCMB still strongly supports the Porcupine Caribou Herd Satellite Collar Project. We are simply requesting this change in response to changing conservation requirements.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

per: Joe Tetlich
Chair



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The PCMB concurs with the recommendations of D. Davidge, Environment Canada, that there should be winter only access. Winter only roads have much less permanent impact on the habitat and wilderness.

The PCMB also supports and proposes the following recommendations of C. Hubert of the Department of Environment:

- Wildlife environmental monitor to record, respond to and report caribou and other wildlife sightings and any environmental degradation.
- Report wildlife incidents or mortalities to Conservation Officer in Dawson City at 994-5492
- Prohibit hunting by employees and contractors
- Maintain a minimum line of sight of 300 m so that wildlife collisions can be avoided
- Relay sightings of wildlife by radio to all vehicles to reduce collision occurrences
- Speed limit of 50 km/hr to reduce potential for vehicle collisions with caribou
- Give caribou right of way when encountered on winter road
- Controlled access (i.e. gate) at Dempster Highway for use by company only during use of winter road and all-season road.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Not only is the health of the Porcupine Caribou Herd a valid consideration for its own sake, but the health of the herd is also critical in maintaining centuries of traditions for First Nations in the herd's range.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



per Joe Tetlich
Chair