

Motion

Government of the Northwest Territories Action on the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS the Porcupine caribou herd has sustained Gwich'in people for thousands of years;

AND WHEREAS part of the critical calving habitat for the Porcupine herd is located within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge that does not have permanent protection;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has actively supported previous efforts towards permanent protection of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge;

AND WHEREAS the current United States federal government is making public statements about lifting the protection for the Porcupine caribou herd through the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to make representations to the United States federal government opposing the removal of protection for the Porcupine caribou herd by allowing any industrial activities within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge;

AND FURTHER that this Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to actively support and assist Gwich'in governments and related organizations in their efforts to prevent the opening of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge and to seek permanent protection of this critical habitat for the Porcupine caribou herd; and

AND FURTHERMORE that the Premier of the NWT convey this motion without delay to the Prime Minister of Canada with a letter requesting a reply.



Date of Notice: October 18, 2017
Date of Introduction: October 20, 2017
Disposition: Carried RV
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Moved by: Mr. Blake
Seconded by: Mr. R. C. McLeod

Ruled Out of Order: