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Oral Question 730-18(3) – Northwest Territories-Nunavut Bilateral Meeting on Transboundary Caribou

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on May 27, 2019 regarding the Northwest Territories-Nunavut Bilateral Meeting on Transboundary Caribou.

The Government of the Northwest Territories met with the Government of Nunavut in April 2019 to discuss transboundary caribou management actions and conservation efforts. Attached is the meeting agenda for your information. As I committed in the Legislative Assembly, I will table the agenda during the August 2019 sitting.

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

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Attachment

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES – GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT
BARREN-GROUND CARIBOU RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT**

Date: April 15 & 16, 2019

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss ways for the two governments to build on how we currently work together
- Explore opportunities to support and strengthen research and monitoring efforts
- Discuss plans for collaborative management actions to support conservation of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East and Beverly barren-ground caribou herds.

Monday April 15th, 2019	
13:00 – 13:30	Welcome & Introductions Goals and Objectives of Meeting
13:30 - 15:30	Current Bathurst, Bluenose-East and Beverly Herd Status <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentations on the status and trend of the three herds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathurst & Bluenose-East: Jan Adamczewski • Beverly: Mitch Campbell
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 17:00	Co-Management Proposals/Recommendations for Each Herd <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (BNE & BA): Brett Elkin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNWT/TG joint management proposals 2. Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (BNE): Brett Elkin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Déline community-based plan 3. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (BNE & BA): Drikus Gissing Opportunities for collaboration/support on proposals and implementation.
Evening	Community Feast
Tuesday April 16th, 2019	
08:30 - 8:40	Opening Remarks: Minister Savikataaq
08:40 - 9:45	Harvest Management <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current harvest management actions in each jurisdiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nunavut: Drikus Gissing • NWT: Bruno Croft 2. Implications of new population estimates for harvest management Discuss need for further harvest restrictions given new populations estimates (Bathurst, Bluenose-East and Beverly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly: Mitch Campbell • Bathurst: Bruno Croft • Bluenose-East: Jan Adamczewski

9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Predator Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review current wolf harvest incentive programs in each jurisdiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of process, harvest levels, and successes/challenges NWT: Bruno Croft Nunavut: Drikus Gissing Involvement of Nunavut harvesters in GNWT incentive program within the herd winter range (within NWT): Bruno Croft Development of an NWT wolf management proposal (GNWT & TG) for the WRRB: Bruno Croft What we've heard in our communities & path moving forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nunavut: Drikus Gissing NWT: Bruno Croft and Jan Adamczewski
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	<p>Habitat Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Management of caribou habitat on the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herd ranges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nunavut approach: Mitch Campbell NWT approach: Jan Adamczewski Opportunities for technical collaboration on environmental assessment and land use planning processes on herd ranges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWT: Brett Elkin Nunavut: Drikus Gissing Update on the Bathurst Caribou Range Plan: Brett Elkin
1:30 – 3:30	<p>Research & Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Current & proposed future herd research and monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nunavut overview: Mitch Campbell NWT overview: Jan Adamczewski GNWT/GN Caribou Information Sharing MOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of data sharing to date under MOU & path moving: Drikus Gissing and Brett Elkin Traditional knowledge and community-based programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Tłıchô <i>Boots on the Ground</i> program (Bruno Croft) Possible future opportunities for other initiatives Update on Bathurst Caribou Advisory Committee: Brett Elkin
3:30 – 4:50	Action Items & Next Steps
4:50 – 5:00	Closing Remarks: Minister Savikataaq and Minister McLeod