



March 20, 2019

Honourable Minister Pauline Frost  
Minister of Environment, Government of Yukon  
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Whitehorse, Yukon  
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To Minister Frost;

**Re: Board Appointments and the Yukon Forum Review**

As initiated by the Yukon Forum this past December, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board is undergoing a review. The Board has welcomed this review as an opportunity to understand and improve our role with respect to the implementation of the Umbrella Final Agreement and Yukon First Nations Final Agreements, and has participated with our full capacity to date, in line with the spirit and intent of these agreements.

The terms of four Board Members will expire as of April 8, 2019. As such the Board will only have seven members (due to the outstanding appointment that has been vacant since May 2018), putting the Board in a tenuous position as quorum for decision-making is seven members.

By way of correspondence from government officials, we have been made aware that the Yukon Government will not be proceeding with any Yukon Government appointments for vacant or expired positions until the completion of the Yukon Forum review. The Board was under the impression that completion of the Yukon Forum review was slated to be March 31, 2019, however we understand that this has now been extended, most likely in to April or even May 2019.

Respectfully, the Board requests Yukon Government to move forward with appointments in a timely manner in order for the Board to fulfil its mandate under the Umbrella Final Agreement.

We understand that pending the outcome of the Yukon Forum review, the Renewable Resources Councils and the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee may also be reviewed. As you know, the RRCs already struggle with maintaining capacity and momentum in their membership, and if appointments are put on hold during a future review this will seriously affect their ability to fulfil their mandates and undertake the work that is needed in their respective communities. The same can be said for the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter, and look forward to the results of the review.

Sincerely,



Carl Sidney, Chair (Interim)

cc: Grand Chief Peter Johnston, Council of Yukon First Nations  
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Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee