



October 6, 2020

Carl Sidney, Chair
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board
Box 3114
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5P7

Dear Mr. Sidney:

RE: Recommendations for Proposals 1-3 of the 2019-2020 Yukon Wildlife Act Regulation Changes

I want to convey my sincere appreciation to the Board for the time and energy put into reviewing these proposals, extended public engagement period, and recommendations, which I received on July 10, 2020.

Since receiving these recommendations, the Department of Environment officials have completed a great deal of work reviewing and considering all aspects of these recommendations to prepare a response. However, it has taken more time than expected to work through the potential wildlife management consequences, legal framework, operational and public complexities associated with these proposals and the recommendations I received.

Recognizing this does not align with the process as laid out under the 16.8 provisions of the Umbrella Final Agreement, I seek the Board's understanding as more time is needed to review properly and prepare our response back to the Board. This and knowing the importance of effective moose management in the Yukon, as demonstrated by feedback received by all stakeholders this summer, it is my intention is to respond as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this request, please contact Ryan Hennings, Director of Fish and Wildlife, at ryan.hennings@gov.yk.ca or 867-332-3025.

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Pauline Frost
Minister of Environment