



August 10, 2021

Carl Sidney  
Chair, Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board  
P.O. Box 31104  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5P7

Dear Carl Sidney:

**Re: First Nation hunting concerns in Kaska asserted traditional territory and respectful hunting in the Yukon**

As you are aware, Liard First Nation and Ross River Dena Council have requested that non-Kaska hunters refrain from hunting in their asserted traditional territory this fall. The reasons are varied; some are in response to COVID-19 and, for some areas, an increase in hunting pressures.

As a trusted partner in fish and wildlife management, I want to acknowledge these concerns about hunting in Kaska asserted traditional territory and inform you that conversations are ongoing between the Government of Yukon and these First Nations governments. In addition, the Department of Environment continues to inform the public of their rights and responsibilities.

Conservation Officers continue to coordinate and collaborate with First Nation Lands and Resources Departments to ensure a respectful approach to the monitoring of hunting, fishing, and trapping under subsistence rights and the laws of general application. Conservation officers will investigate all allegations of interfering with lawful hunting and trapping activities.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, please contact Marc Cattet, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Branch at [Marc.Cattet@yukon.ca](mailto:Marc.Cattet@yukon.ca) or 867-667-5715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manon Moreau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Manon Moreau  
Deputy Minister of Environment

cc: Marc Cattet, Director, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Department of Environment