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Ross River Dene Council  
General Delivery

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Dear Chief Dillion,

**Re: Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board working with the Ross River Dene Council**

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (the Board) wish to congratulate you on your appointment to the position of Chief of the Ross River Dene Council, as well as your councilors.

As you may know, the Board is established under Chapter 16 of the Umbrella Final Agreement and is identified as “the primary instrument of fish and wildlife management in the Yukon” (16.7.1). As per our mandate in the UFA, the Board “may make recommendations ... on all matters related to Fish and Wildlife management, Legislation, research, policies, and programs” (16.7.11) to First Nations, territorial, and federal governments. The Board works diligently to ensure the best available technical, local, and Traditional Knowledge is used. We also make provisions for public involvement within our decision-making processes per the UFA.

We are writing to set a meeting with you and your Council so we can discuss fish and wildlife related matters concerning the RRDC. This would include myself and our Executive Director.

We understand that the RRDC has not negotiated a land claim agreement, and as such the UFA does not apply to governance and management in your traditional territory. However, we hope that you would be willing to work with the Board on fish and wildlife issues that affect the Kaska, and share your priorities so we can support you through our Conservation goals.

Please contact the Board’s Executive Director, Graham Van Tighem at (867) 667-5835 if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting with you and your councilors in the near future to further discuss the Board’s current work, fish and wildlife management in your territory, and opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carl Sidney", with a small horizontal line extending to the right.

Carl Sidney, Chair