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May 2, 2022

Honourable Minister Nils Clarke  
Minister of Environment,  
Government of Yukon  
Box 2703 Whitehorse,  
Yukon Y1A 2C6

Attention Minister Clarke;

**Re: Dall Sheep Adaptive Management Game Management Zone 7 East.**

As you are aware, in 2020, the Government of Yukon (YG) placed five previously opened Game Management Subzones (GMS) under Permit Hunt Authorization (PHA) and increased the number of permits within Game Management Zone (GMZ) 7 East from 97 to 142.

YG also changed the distribution unit for allocating permit hunts (PHAs) from GMS to Sheep Management Units (SMUs), which YG developed following the 2015-2016 surveys.

The Board wrote to you on March 10, 2022, following a presentation that included new information provided by the YG Sheep and Goat Biologist. After carefully considering this new information, the Board recommended returning the distribution unit for Dall Sheep PHAs in GMZ 7 East from SMUs to GMS.

Within the letter we sent, we included two **formal** recommendations:

**1.1 The Board formally recommends that the Minister should return the unit of distribution of PHA for Dall Sheep within GMZ 7 East from SMUs to GMS consistent with the proposed harvest allocation formula provided to the Board at our February 2022 Board meeting.**

**1.2 In addition, the Board also recommends that no further public review should be required for this change, given the move from allocating PHA's from GMS to SMUs was not publicly consulted on during our 2015-2016 regulation change cycle, and this approach better achieves Conservation for thinhorn sheep in GMZ 7 East.**

We appreciate your reply. However, the letter we sent was not a letter of support per se but rather a set of formal recommendations.

We recognize that the changes proposed by the Department of Environment are time-sensitive, and we do not wish to delay these changes unnecessarily. In the future, we kindly ask that you please respond to formal recommendation letters from the Board within the language of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

I appreciate your consideration, and please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Graham Van Tighem, at 667-5835 if you have any questions or require clarification.

Sincerely,

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

Carl Sidney  
Chair, YFWMB

cc: Marc Cattet, Director Fish and Wildlife Branch, Environment Yukon