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Re: Elder's Caribou Workshop

Dear Sir,

In regards to your letter dated April 25, 2003, the NSMA will participate in the Elder's Caribou Traditional Knowledge workshop May 12-15, 2003.

In reference to the concerns raised at the public hearing regarding the submission of the Elder's Caribou workshop deliverables to the public registry, the NSMA would like to respectfully propose an alternative option to help rectify the issues raised by the Yellowknives Dene First Nations, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation and Dogrib Treaty 11 Council. Traditional Knowledge is very pertinent to this EA, as a result perhaps it would be more appropriate to extend the closure of the public registry, allowing time for Aboriginal communities to confer and verify the results of the workshop within their communities. The proposed workshop is the first step to recording Traditional Knowledge in regards to impacts of the SLDP on caribou and should be made available to the Board.

I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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