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Re: Caribou Workshop

Dear Ms Fratton:

My clients have agreed to participate in the Caribou Workshop, which is scheduled for May at Snap Lake. The Dogrib Treaty 11 Council is very supportive of the need to include traditional knowledge into environmental assessments. It is because of this, that the Dogribs have asked Elders to attend at the Public Hearing. Alexi Arrowmaker, Joe Migwi and Harry Simpson have attended throughout and will participate in the Elders session set aside on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. In general the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council also support the concept of workshops between Elders and the proponent with respect to the important subject of caribou and the effect of the project on the Bathurst Caribou Herd.

However, the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council have grave concerns about putting any written materials of the May workshop (transcripts, summary, notes or reports) on the Public Registry for this environmental assessment. My clients concerns arise mainly because the workshop is to take place after the Public Hearing. There is no opportunity to engage in post-workshop discussion, interpretation or analysis. The attendance at the workshop is limited and the workshop itself is only for a few days. My clients are of the opinion that it is simply not possible to effectively access the traditional knowledge of the Elders on such a huge topic in such a workshop. At best the workshop will likely produce anecdotes that may or may not be fully understood and interpreted. The Dogrib Treaty 11 Council are concerned therefore that the written materials this workshop, if put on the Public Registry, may be seen to represent some or all of the Elders' traditional knowledge or even a reputable way of understanding traditional knowledge.

For all of these reasons the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council formally object to putting any of the written results of this workshop on the Public Registry.

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The Dogrib Treaty 11 Council wish it to be clearly understood by all parties that their objection to putting this material on the Public Registry should not be taken as an objection to the workshop itself or to the proponent participating in ongoing communication with Aboriginal peoples with respect to the Bathurst Caribou Herd. Indeed, if this workshop is considered as the beginnings of a respectful relationship, the purpose of which is to encourage such ongoing communication, the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council support it fully.

My clients ask the MVEIRB to make a ruling that no material from this workshop will be put on the Public Registry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Jean Teillet