

# Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

*TASR Consult to Modify meeting*

July 3, 2018



Mackenzie Valley  
Review Board

# Overview

- Opening remarks from Board staff
- Timeline
- GNWT proposed modifications
- Tłıchq proposed modifications
- Next steps

# Timeline: consult to modify TASR measures

**March 29:** Report of EA issued

**June 22:** Minister and TG initiate consultation with Review Board on modifications to specific measures

**June 22:** Minister consults with Indigenous groups on modifications to measures

**July 3:** Board staff hosts meeting to discuss modifications proposed by Minister and TG

**July 23:** Review Board's due date for comments on modifications from parties

**July 23:** Minister's due date for comments on modifications from Indigenous groups

# GNWT proposed modifications, Boreal Caribou Measures

- 6-1 Implement Recovery Strategy and Range Plan (p182)
- 6-2 No Hunting Corridor (p185)
- 6-3 Habitat Offset and Restoration Plan (p186)



# Measure 6-1 Recovery Strategy and Range Plans

## Preamble (p181):

- Intent of measure – use of road does not occur before range plans are implemented (p181)
- Full implementation of the recovery strategy and range plans would help to mitigate project effects to boreal caribou
- Board finds that boreal caribou don't have adequate protection to ensure population is self sustaining in the area of the project, or the NT1



## Measure 6-2 No Hunting Corridor

### Preamble (p184):

- Intent – mitigate effects of hunting prior to effects taking place, when the road opens to public
- Board finds that likely increased hunting will lead to significant adverse impacts to boreal caribou
- Collectively – and considering the current status of boreal caribou - the effects of the project lead to conservation concern



## Measure 6-3 Habitat Offset and Restoration Plan

### Preamble (p185):

- Intent- to offset effects of the project to boreal caribou habitat.
- Board finds that the project will likely have significant adverse impact on habitat
- Concern with the amount of disturbance in the area
- No proposed offsets or mitigations for habitat impacts
- Builds on WRRB suggestion of using a 2500 m buffer





## Tłıchǫ Proposed modifications

- 5-2 Tłıchǫ monitoring, engagement and reporting of adverse health and well-being impacts
- 5-6 Include Behchokò in accident response planning
- 8-1 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan
- 9-1 Monitoring and reporting harvest
- 9-2 Cultural sensitivity in work camps





## Measure 5-2: Tłıchǫ monitoring, engagement and reporting of adverse health and well-being impacts

### Preamble:

- Project will add stress to local health, social services in Whatı
- Uncertainties in assumptions about effects on people
- Effective response needs a timely understanding of how the road affects daily life and well-being in communities
- Measures required to address concerns, increase confidence
- Part of measure is to make sure people who depend on country food are not adversely affected

## Measure 5-6: Include Behchokò in accident response planning

### Preamble:

- Project is likely to increase the frequency and severity of road-side accidents
- Emergency response capability in Whatì and Behchokò is necessary
- GNWT is working with Tłıchò Government, Tłıchò Community Services Agency and Community Government of Whatì
- Community Government of Behchokò is a necessary partner

# Measure 8-1: Integrated Fisheries Management Plan

## Preamble:

- An IFMP is required to prevent likely significant adverse impacts from increased access leading to increased fishing
- Managing fisheries (including effective monitoring) is essential to preventing significant effects on fisheries and harvesting
- Measure requires parties to work together to understand fisheries in the area and support appropriate mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management

# Measure 9-1: Monitoring and reporting harvest

## Preamble:

- builds on commitments in WMMP to monitor project-specific mortality of wildlife
- builds on recommendations from WRRB
- protects the sustainable harvest of wildlife for Aboriginal people
- mitigates impacts on Aboriginal harvesters
- informs wildlife managers of wildlife populations in area of the Project

# Measure 9-2 Cultural sensitivity in work camps

## Preamble:

- addresses concerns of cultural sensitivity and awareness for unknown independent contractor operating in Tłıchq region for 29 years
- mitigates impact on Tłıchq culture and well-being of residents
- ensures culturally appropriate policies for contractors in Project work camps and Tłıchq communities