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Subject: Reactivation of the Technical Committee on Woodland Caribou Recovery on Paix des Braves (Chapter 3) Territory

Mr. Bosum,
Mr. Savard,

In December 2010, the parties agreed to the establishment of a special committee (Woodland Recovery Task Force) for the recovery of woodland caribou in the Peace of the Braves Territory. A technical committee was set up to implement the specific actions between special committee meetings. These two committees were composed of members appointed by the two parties to the Agreement on Forest Management in the Peace of the Braves Territory, including a representative of the Board Secretariat (members list attached). However, the activities of these committees have been suspended for various reasons since the summer of 2013. The Board is therefore calling on you to reactivate the work of the Technical Committee that includes experts in the file.

The Board reiterates the importance of agreeing on a global recovery plan that is subject to a consensus between parties, and wishes to encourage the availability of such a plan when developing the next generation of the territory's tactical planning. The Board Secretariat has been mandated to develop a Provisional Draft Plan for the Recovery of Woodland Caribou, that takes into account the discussions and work of the parties.

At its last meeting held in Oujé-Bougoumou on May 20, the Cree-Quebec Forestry Board received a *Woodland Caribou Provisional Recovery Plan* that it approved in principle. Participants agreed that the elements presented needed to be discussed more deeply and agreed upon by the parties and that some new elements needed to be considered. Members also agreed on the importance of asking the parties to immediately reactivate the Technical Committee which had been formed so that it consider and develop the various implementation measures of the project's draft provisional plan.

You can contribute to this goal by indicating the way to achieve it to the concerned personnel in your party. Your intervention in making technical staff available and reactivating the work in the woodland caribou recovery file in the territory is essential.

The Board does not want this file to remain stalled after so much effort has been made for so many years. Moreover, there is an urgency to act to provide the Chief Forester with the strategies, statistics and required territories to do the calculations that must be filed by the beginning of 2016, in order to prepare the 2018-2023 management plans. To our knowledge, stakeholders are ready and showing a willingness to work together to achieve this goal. The Board and its Secretariat can offer support to the work of the Technical Committee, but it can't replace it.

We are committed to constructively contributing to the development of a woodland caribou recovery strategy in the territory of the Agreement. Thank you for your intervention. It may reignite the flame and ensure that the Plan helps restore woodland caribou in Quebec.

Best regards,



Gilbert Paillé
Chairman



Isaac Voyageur
Vice Chairman

Encl. List of the members of the committees

Chapter 3 Territory of the Paix des Braves

Woodland Caribou Recovery Taskforce

Heads: Guy Hétu, MFFP
Isaac Voyageur, GNC

Members: Patrick Beauchesne, MDDELCC
Aurélie Bourbeau-Lemieux, CNG
Agathe Cimon, MDDELCC
Pierre Drapeau, UQAM
Élizabeth Harvey, MFFP
Sonia Légaré, MFFP
Stéphan Ouellet, CNG
Martin Pelletier, CQFB
Geoff Quaile, GCCEI
Nadia Saganash, CNG
Mélanie Veilleux-Nolin, MDDELCC

Graeme Morin, JBACE (has withdrawn from the committee)

Technical Committee

Heads: Sonia Légaré, MFFP
Nadia Saganash, CNG

Members: Aurélie Bourbeau-Lemieux, CNG
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