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Sahtu Land and Water Board
Larry Wallace, Chair

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RE: Husky Oil Land Use Permit S13A-002 and Water License S13L1-005, Exploration License Blocks 462 & 463

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Tulit'a Renewable Resources Council (TRRC) has reviewed the subject monitoring program and hereby share our comments on the application.

1. **Consultation:** Some TRRC members don't feel that we were given an opportunity to fully understand the project, nor were we adequately consulted on the proposed project. There was a meeting with the TRRC on April 11, but it was understood that there would be a follow-up meeting in June – however, this was cancelled. We appreciate the commitment expressed by Husky “to develop a plan to work together and set up more regular communications” (Husky consultation notes, April 11). We would like to propose a meeting in August to identify issues, solutions and next steps.
2. **Monitoring:** Tulit'a is the community nearest to the area of proposed activity. To the present, this remains an important harvesting area for Tulit'a community members, and as a result our people are very knowledgeable about that area. We would like to work with Husky and other operators in the shale oil play to develop an appropriate process for participating in monitoring programs in our traditional territory.
3. **Research:** The RRC has a mandate defined in the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement in research related to wildlife and habitat within the Tulit'a District. We wish to play more of a role as participants in Husky's environmental research programs as field assistants.
4. **Project-Specific Traditional Knowledge Study:** The same TK Study conducted for Husky is being used as part of a sequence of permit/license applications. While it's important to refer to previous TK Studies for the licensed area, knowledge holders share what they know in response to the possible impacts of specific proposed activities on the land. Distinct

activities will need to be planned on the basis of project-specific TK studies. There should be an additional TK Study for each license/permit application.

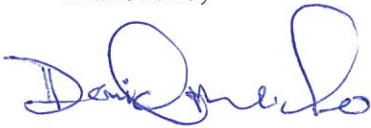
To date, no TK Study has been conducted related to the current proposed activities. Further, as we have previously noted, the TK Study included with the application does not cover all the seasons; the focus was on winter activities.

Husky has shown willingness to support an additional TK study to address knowledge gaps. We would like to work with Husky to plan and execute such a study in relation to the current proposed activities – this is very important to ensure that the full array of impacts and mitigations related to wildlife and habitat are properly understood. RRC members who are experienced harvesters have already identified a number of areas of concern that could be documented in a TK Study.

5. **Hazardous Waste Management:** The TRRC is concerned about how hazardous waste will be dealt with – the community members wish to be involved in ongoing discussions about the safest way to deal with this.

The TRRC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this application. We look forward to working with Husky to ensure that impacts on wildlife and habitat are as minimal as possible. We work hard for our families, we want to be fair and make sure that we leave a healthy landscape behind for our future generations.

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David Menacho
President