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Tłıchq All-Season Road Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan

On October 16, 2017 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) indicated in a letter to the Department of Infrastructure (INF) that ENR had determined that, in accordance with section 95(1) of the *Wildlife Act*, a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) is required for the Tłıchq All-Season Road (ASR) and asked that a WMMP be submitted for approval prior to construction of the Tłıchq ASR. ENR acknowledges receipt of INF's January 7, 2019 submission of the Tłıchq ASR WMMP.

The Tłıchq ASR WMMP will undergo a public review, consistent with ENR's October 16, 2017 letter, as well as a commitment made by the Government of the Northwest Territories to undertake such a process during the environmental assessment. ENR will use the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's (WLWB) Online Review System to solicit comments on the Tłıchq ASR WMMP to help inform the ENR Minister's determination regarding whether the WMMP is acceptable under Section 95 of the *Wildlife Act*. Relevant intervenors to the recent Tłıchq ASR environmental assessment will be notified by email of this approach. Other potential reviewers of this WMMP will be informed of this approach through a notification on the WLWB's Online Review System. ENR staff will review the WMMP to ensure it satisfies the criteria outlined in Section 95 of the *Wildlife Act*, is consistent with ENR's Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Guidelines, and that it satisfies the relevant measures and commitments from the recent *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* for the Tłıchq ASR.

Following the public review of the WMMP, via the WLWB's Online Review System, ENR will provide any needed advice to INF and may require INF to make changes to the WMMP at this point. If no changes are required the plan will be forwarded to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board (WRRB) for their final review, as required under section 12.5.1 of the Tłıchq Agreement. Should changes be required, a revised plan will be resubmitted to ENR, who will forward the plan to the WRRB for their formal review. ENR will then review the recommendations from the WRRB on the Tłıchq ASR WMMP, respond to those recommendations, and make a final determination on approval of the Tłıchq ASR WMMP, or send it back to INF for further changes before approval.

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Should you or your staff have questions on the review process for the Tłchq ASR WMMP please contact Dr. James Hodson at (867) 767-9237 ext. 53227 or james_hodson@gov.nt.ca.



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