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Dear M. Kalgutkar,

**WLWB REVIEW OF TLICHO ALL-SEASON ROAD (TASR) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN (WMMP) VERSION 3.3**

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 2019 and attached materials.<sup>1</sup> The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB or Board) has reviewed the letter and discussed the ongoing TASR regulatory process with its staff. The Board is aware that the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) is also conducting a review of the TASR Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) and that the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, as well as the final approved Measures from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's EA1617-01, require collaboration amongst governments and co-managers to ensure timely proceedings.

Because of the Boards' jurisdiction regarding wildlife habitat, as well as the requirement for it to consider wildlife issues in its role as a preliminary screener, a shared responsibility for review and approval of the WMMP is required to ensure that the WLWB fulfils its obligations and to ensure that the content of the WMMP does not conflict with the Permit or Licence conditions. Each of the approving authorities exercises its own independent process and discretion, including the WLWB. The Board is, however, committed to meeting its legal obligations while contributing to the benefits which the project offers to Wek'èezhii and the NWT as a whole.

In order to ensure timely approval of the TASR WMMP, the WLWB has aligned its meeting dates with those set out in your letter. Assuming the WRRB and Ministerial approvals occur on the dates you have specified, the WLWB will endeavor to conduct its final review of the WMMP and make its decision on August 22, 2019. In the meantime, our staff are reviewing version 3.3 of the WMMP for conformity with the Board's previous direction.

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<sup>1</sup> See the WLWB Online Registry at [www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca) for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan – Version 3.3 – June 28 19](#)

The WLWB review process is public, accessible, and transparent. The Board's decisions on licences and permits are final. It is our view that the public interest will be served by timely completion of this process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J".

Joe Mackenzie  
Chair, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

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