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From: Blake, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:42 PM
To: Firth, Ross
Cc: Pardy, Shelley
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Labradorian Red Wine Caribou

Q1, I presume he's enquiring about the recovery plan;

Recovery programming has been an extensive multi-partner undertaking. The recovery team in 2004 released a recovery plan which highlighted various, monitoring, research and stewardship needs for these caribou populations. A great deal of data was collected from collars and other sources including some survey flights and habitat analysis. The recovery team has been working on an updated plan which we hope to have completed this year. This plan will include some of the new information and updated Goals, objectives and actions for recovery. This plan will also provide a description of critical habitat for the animals based on the many years of collaring data we have.

Q2 I presume he's enquiring about the number of Nalcor funded collars and WD funded collars;

Animal ID	Collar ID	Herb Affiliation	Owner	Comment
RWM2014001	31453	RWM	Nalcor/WD Iridium collar	Alive and reporting. Currently wintering in LJ range
RWM2014002	32422	RWM*	Nalcor/WD Iridium Collar	Collar is malfunctioning.
RWM2010004	37109	RWM	WD/IEMR	Collar is malfunctioning.
RWM2002009	113433	RWM	WD	Alive and reporting

Q3 more straightforward with respect to ensuring our obligations under the ESA are met, appropriate mitigations are identified and agreed by proponents under the EA process, recovery planning process is re-engaged with updated plan developed, etc.

While the recovery team and the wildlife division is working on the updated recovery plan guidelines for industry for sedentary caribou will be developed to outline appropriate mitigations and best management practices to be followed by proponents.

Individual land use proposals will be reviewed and evaluated through the various land use referral and Environmental Assessment processes – development of an internal review matrix (tied in with guidelines)

Recovery plan will provide guidance on what habitat should be protected. When an updated plan for caribou is released if it contains critical habitat the minister will have to provide an explanation on how it will be protected.

Province will be asked in the near future to help the federal government with the development of Range Plans for Labrador Boreal Woodland Caribou, as required under their Species at Risk Act Recovery Strategy.

From: Firth, Ross
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Importance: High

John

Please see questions below from Jamie. Re Q1, I presume he's enquiring about the recovery plan; Q2 I presume he's enquiring about the number of Nalcor funded collars and WD funded collars; Q3 more straightforward with respect to ensuring our obligations under the ESA are met, appropriate mitigations are identified and agreed by proponents under the EA process, recovery planning process is re-engaged with updated plan developed, etc.

Would you please try and address these questions today.

Thanks,
Ross

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Ross, what is status of recovery so far?

Minister also requested info on actual number of collars on RWM H caribou at present and their sources

Also wanted a list of planned actions go forward from GNL perspective given the focus of release is on amended mitigations for Nalcor and any new proponents to the region

Jamie

From: Firth, Ross
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:10 PM
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