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Review Committee  
Wolf Conservation and Management Plan  
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Re: First Nation Inclusion in the WCMP Review Process

Dear Review Committee members,

The Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (WCMP) review process has been underway for several months now. Working closely with the Renewable Resource Councils (RRC's), the Review Committee has gathered public comments on the plan through meetings in Yukon communities. Throughout this process, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC) has been treated as a special interest group.

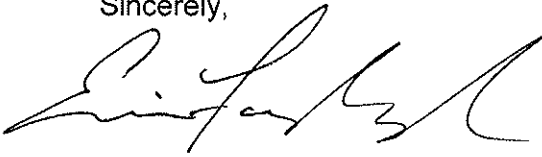
TKC has reiterated from the beginning of the review process, that a single public meeting in Whitehorse would be ineffective in soliciting the participation of TKC. The Review Committee's steadfast refusal to formally invite TKC participation in the review process through a letter to the TKC Chief and Board of Directors is unacceptable.

The Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures for the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (WCMP) Review Committee clearly state the requirement to 'seek input from Yukon First Nations.' TKC is a government with wildlife co-management responsibilities; it is expected our inclusion in the preparation of a wildlife management plan would mean representation at the planning table, alongside Yukon Government. Furthermore, participation in the review does not negate the constitutional obligation of Yukon Government to consult Yukon First Nations on the content of a revised WCMP.

The process for review of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan must be corrected to include the meaningful participation of Yukon First Nations people and governments. We expect Yukon First Nation representation on the Review Committee, and to participate equally with Yukon Government. This includes an opportunity to review the draft plan at the same time as the other Parties.

The Review Committee must ensure meaningful, First Nation inclusion in the WCMP review process. If the Review Committee continues to make decisions that do not support the intent of Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, further delay can be expected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmie Fairclough', written in a cursive style.

Emmie Fairclough  
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