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**Preliminary Screening – True North Safaris Ltd. General Wildlife Permit Application**

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) reviewed the above referenced permit application and relevant materials at its board meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Key issues related to the proposal and considered by WRRB include:

- The fact that bears are culturally significant animals for Tłıchǫ people and should be treated respectfully;
- The proximity of the proposed baiting stations, and therefore the bears, to other human activities in the area including the community of Behchokò, cabins, active gravel pits, timber operations and people walking along Highway 3 or in the bush;
- The proposed use of “any kind of bait” including used cooking oil from commercial food operations;
- Public safety concerns related to the possibility of bears becoming conditioned to artificial food sources and thereafter becoming aggressive in seeking out human food in camps, cabins, landfill sites etc.; and,
- Failure of the applicant to meet the terms and conditions of the permit in 2008 necessary to help minimize ecological effects and ensure public safety.

The WRRB is in the process of making recommendations to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources with respect to this proposal under the authority of s. 12.5.5 of the Tłjchq Agreement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alfonz Nitsiza', written in a cursive style.

Alfonz Nitsiza  
Chairman