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The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
c/o Judith Wright-Bird, Chair
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Dear Board Members;

I write to confirm that the Deline Renewable Resources Council ("DRRC") wishes to submit comments on the Sahtu Land Use Plan ("SLUP": Draft #2, dated April 30/09) as well as on INAC's and the GNWT's comments, both dated July 31/09, on the SLUP and the Great Bear Lake Watershed Management Plan ("GBLWMP").

The DRRC met, along with the Deline Land Corp. and Deline First Nation, with selected Sahtu Land Use Planning Board members and staff, on June 15&16/09 in Deline. At that time, all parties agreed to meet again with the two levels of government — likely in August/09 — to hear and address any Board/Government concerns with the GBLWMP, and to try to find an accommodation between the different approaches of the GBLWMP and the SLUP. As you know, the Board cancelled that meeting, scheduled for Aug. 11/12, and it now appears that we will probably only be able to meet next in October/09.

Given the delay in the scheduling of our next meeting, the DRRC now believes that it would be most effective if it sends its comments (above, para. 1) prior to the October meeting, so that they are on the record and can be considered during that meeting, along with the views of the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board, INAC and the GWNT. We are uncertain when we will be able to send our comments — we have submitted a proposal to INAC for funding to complete this task and await a reply — but we will do so as soon as we are able. In the meantime, I hope that this letter makes the DRRC's intentions on submitting comments clear to all concerned. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Russell Kenny
President, DRRC

cc. Heidi Weibe, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
Marc Lange/Greg Yeoman, INAC Yellowknife