

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Tetlit Renewable Resources Council (TRRC)

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Ehdiitat Renewable Resources Council (ERRC)

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Aklavik Hunters & Trappers Committee (AHTC)

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby made and entered into by and between the Tetlit Renewable Resource Council, hereinafter referred to as TRRC, the Ehdiitat Renewable Resource Council, hereinafter referred to as the ERRC, and the Aklavik Hunters & Trappers Committee, hereinafter referred to as the AHTC.

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MoU is to act as a supporting document to the voluntary allocation of Dolly Varden char between the TRRC, ERRC & AHTC and also to illustrate the adaptive co-management process by which Dolly Varden char are managed in the western NWT.

B. MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS

The TRRC, ERRC & AHTC all have a vested interest in the continued sustainable management of Dolly Varden char stocks in the Western Arctic. Adherence to the voluntary harvest measures determined by the Rat River Working Group is in the best interests of all parties. Maintaining strong lines of communication between community user groups is what allows this process to succeed as a management tool.

C. TRRC SHALL:

- 1) Agree to inform, to the best of its ability, all community harvesters of the voluntary harvest allocation.
- 2) Advise community harvesters to avoid harvesting char for the remainder of the 2011 fishing season if the voluntary allocation has been reached.

D. ERRC SHALL:

- 1) Agree to inform, to the best of its ability, all community harvesters of the voluntary harvest allocation.
- 2) Maintain close lines of communication with the AHTC so that char harvest information in the community of Aklavik and at points along the North Slope (e.g.: Shingle Point) can be monitored.

- 3) Inform the TRRC, **before August 10th** (depending on run timing), if the ERRC's harvest allocation is not met so that the balance of the allocation shall pass to the TRRC.
- 4) Advise community harvesters to avoid harvesting char for the remainder of the 2011 fishing season if the voluntary allocation has been reached.

E. AHTC SHALL:

- 1) Agree to inform, to the best of its ability, all community harvesters of the voluntary harvest allocation.
- 2) Maintain close lines of communication with the TRRC so that char harvest information in the community of Aklavik and at points along the North Slope (e.g: Shingle Point) can be monitored.
- 3) Inform the ERRC & TRRC, **before August 1st** (depending on run timing), if the AHTC's harvest allocation is not met so that the balance of the allocation shall pass to the TRRC.

F. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- 1) The TOTAL voluntary allocation combined is for 150 char (excluding the monitor fishery).
- 2) Each party has been voluntarily allocated 50 char.
- 3) If harvest by members of the ERRC or AHTC at the community of Aklavik and at points along the North Slope (e.g.: Shingle Point) does not reach the voluntary allocation, the remaining allocation will be given to harvesters from the TRRC.

G. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS:

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H. COMMENCEMENT / EXPIRATION DATE

The Memorandum of Understanding is executed as of the date of last signature and is effective through September 31st, 2011 at which time it will expire.

I. SIGNATORIES

The undersigned agree with the terms of the MoU and will have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.



Tetlit Renewable Resource Council

Mary Rose Tetlichy - President

Date

Witnessed by

Georgina Neyando - Coordinator

Date



Ehdiitat Renewable Resource Council

Fanny Greenland - President

Date

Witnessed by

Jeremy Mosher - Coordinator

Date



Aklavik Hunters & Trappers Committee

Billy Storr - President

Date

Witnessed by

Michelle Gruben - Coordinator

Date