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**RE: Potential Partnership Projects 2013-2014 Bathurst Caribou herd**

Dear Ms. Hood and Ms. McCutchen,

SLEMA is writing this letter regarding a request by De Beers Canada Inc. to suspend the 2013 caribou aerial survey in exchange for a financial contribution towards a selection of Bathurst Caribou projects being proposed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR).

SLEMA has the following comments.

- The value of the contribution should equal the cost of the aerial survey but the redistributed funds should also include the costs of an analysis of distribution of the Bathurst herd relative to Snap lake.
- The suspension is for the 2013 season only.
- The 2013 Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Report should include the rationale for the value of the ENR projects funded, and a detailed analysis of the distribution of the Bathurst herd and an assessment of aerial surveys and other methods.
- Following the work this season a discussion should be entered in late fall, between De Beers, ENR and SLEMA to discuss the allocation of resources and proposed projects for the following season.



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SLEMA supports ENR's initiative to build consensus amongst all the stakeholders with interests in the sustainable management of the North's caribou. If you have any questions in regards to this letter or the recommendation within please feel free to contact the David White, Executive Director of SLEMA at 867-765-0961 or [dwhite@slema.ca](mailto:dwhite@slema.ca)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Weyallon'.

Sincerely  
Johnny Weyallon  
SLEMA Chair person