April 26, 2016

Dear Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Environment & Conservation
Policy and Planning Division

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Act) [Our file #ENV/010/2016]

On March 16, 2016 the Department of Environment and Conservation received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Any and all information, including but not limited to, all written/electronic/Blackberry/fax correspondences etc. contained in the records and files of Ross Firth, John Blake and Grant Dicks that pertain to the following: 1) The 2010 delay in the opening of the Labrador Caribou Hunt. 2) The 2010 delay in issuing Non Resident Big Game Licenses to Labrador Tourism Operators/Outfitters. 3) Any information with respect to correspondences and/or communications received from Tourism Operators/Outfitters, along with any responses from the Department. 4) Information with respect to an "action plan", or any efforts put forth on the part of the Department, to mitigate negative impacts and/or financial losses for the affected Tourism Operators/Outfitters due to the delay. 5) Any information with respect to Labrador Hunting Safari and/or Charles (Chuck) Rawding/Jack Hume Adventures and/or Richard Hume. Information to further include, but shall not be limited to, any and all conversations and/or correspondences related to Labrador Outfitters "sub-letting" caribou licenses to Quebec Outfitters."

On April 11, 2016 the Department advised you that the 20 business day time limit for responding to your request had been extended, in accordance with section 23 of the Act, for an additional 7 business days and that we expected to respond to your request by April 26, 2016.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment and Conservation to grant access in part to the requested information. Portions of the attached documents have been severed as they are non-responsive or in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure as specified in the Act:
27(1)(h): In this section, "cabinet record" means a record created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet;

27(1)(i): In this section, "cabinet record" means that portion of a record which contains information about the contents of a record within a class of information referred to in paragraphs (a) to (h);

27(2)(a): The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant a cabinet record;

27(2)(b): The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant information in a record other than a cabinet record that would reveal the substance of deliberations of Cabinet;

29(1)(a): The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;

40(1): The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

As required by subsection 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is exempted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request, the appropriate copies of records have been enclosed. Please note that pages 10-13 have been fully redacted under section 27(1)(h) and section 27(2)(a) of the Act.

Section 42 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL
A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this response will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you.
It is the goal to have the response posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached by telephone at (709) 729-7183 or by e-mail at courtneyblundon@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

[Signature]

COURTNEY BLUNDON
Departmental ATIPP Coordinator
Grant,

Could you reply to this.

Thanks,

Alvin

From: Russell, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Brake, Alvin
Cc: Vardy, Butch; Andrews, Jim
Subject: FW: Fishing/Bear Licenses

Hi Alvin,

Attached is an e-mail that we received at the GSC in Goose Bay regarding Caribou licences. Is there a delivery date for caribou licences and tags?

Regards,

Ken Russell
Manager of Operations
Government Service Centre
P.O. Box 3014, Str B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL
A0P 1E0

(709) 896-5471 (P)
(709) 896-4340 (F)
E-mail: krussell@gov.nl.ca

From: Mitchell, Agnes
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Russell, Ken
Subject: FW: Fishing/Bear Licenses

FYI

From: Beth Rawding [mailto:-------------------]
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Mitchell, Agnes
Subject: Fishing/Bear Licenses
Hello Agnus,

Thank you for your return call on today's date. Please find attached our order for trout and bear licenses. It would be appreciated if this portion of our order could be processed now and sent to the Schefferville address provided.

With regards to caribou licenses, you have advised that they are not available at this time. As you may recall, last season the tags and licenses were not available until almost the open of the season. This year we have clients that will be commencing their hunting trip on August 10th and we are very concerned about having caribou licenses available. We have expressed our concerns about the late availability of the licenses many times in the past and would like to know what can be done in the event these licenses do not arrive in Schefferville by August 10th. Could you please check on that for me? Also, if you have some time frame when they will be received by your office, could you please let me know? Thanking you in advance, Beth Rawding/Labrador Hunting Safari.
Ken as per our telephone conversation, please have GSC staff hold Caribou licences and tags until instructed by us to release them to vendors.

Thanks

Grant Dicks
Manager of Licensing and Operations
Wildlife Division
Ph 709 637 2045
From: Legge, Marilyn  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 11:17 AM  
To: DICKS, Grant H.  
Subject: Caribou Licences - Labrador  
Importance: High

I just had a call from a gentleman by the name of Chuck in Schefferville, Labrador wondering about his Caribou Licences. He spoke with the GSC in Goose Bay and they told him that they were unable to release the licences until you gave them the okay. He was on a satellite phone and he'll call you back later.

Marilyn Legge  
Secretary to Assistant Deputy Minister  
Dept. of Environment & Conservation  
Natural Heritage Branch  
117 Riverside Drive  
P.O. Box 2007  
Corner Brook, NL A2H 7S1

Telephone: (709) 637-2199  
Fax: (709) 637-2180
Keith, Debi

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:25 AM
To: Legge, Marilyn
Subject: RE: Phone Message

Im getting better at hiding....

From: Legge, Marilyn
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:25 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: RE: Phone Message

No, he is on a satellite phone but is going to call back in ½ hour. Told him that you were in and both Marion and I did a loop of the bldg. but couldn't find you.

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:24 AM
To: Legge, Marilyn
Subject: RE: Phone Message

Has he left a number to reach him?

From: Legge, Marilyn
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:19 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: Phone Message
Importance: High

Chuck Rodding (I think that was the last name) will be calling you in about ½ hour to discuss Labrador Caribou Licences.

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Keith, Debi L

From: DICKS, Grant H.  
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 2:58 PM  
To: Legge, Marilyn  
Subject: RE: Phone Message

Area code isn't correct?

From: Legge, Marilyn  
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 2:56 PM  
To: DICKS, Grant H.  
Subject: Phone Message  
Importance: High

Please call Richard Hune at [redacted] (today if possible) re Labrador Caribou Licences

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Hi Grant, We will soon be getting request for caribou tags/licences. During a recent conversation you indicated to hold until the tags/licences for a short period of time. Has it been decided when we can start issuing the licences.

Regards,

Ken Russell
Manager of Operations

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Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL
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E-mail: krussell@gov.nl.ca
Keith, Debi L

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 12:36 PM
To: Blake, John
Subject: RE: Caribou Licenses

Called and left a message, but from past conversations I know the Sports are planning to hunt for Season Opening on Aug 10. They are hunting in the Shefferville area and the Outfit has put the final camp preparations on hold pending word from us.

From: Blake, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 12:31 PM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: Re: Caribou Licenses

Find out when the hunters are arriving and where they are hunting.

Sent Via BlackBerry

From: DICKS, Grant H.
To: Blake, John
Sent: Tue Aug 03 10:35:16 2010
Subject: FW: Caribou Licenses

FYI

From: Beth Rawding
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 9:35 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: Caribou Licenses

Hello Grant,

Further to our telephone conversation of today's date, as well as previous discussions regarding the issuing of caribou licenses for the 2010 season, you have advised that as of today, there are still no answers with regard to the status of caribou licenses. The season opens a week from today, and as you are well aware, we have hunters arriving from Norway with expectations to receive the hunting licenses they paid for. As you advised, you cannot comment further, and it appears as though we must simply sit by and wait for some kind of an announcement. As previously discussed, I can be reached at (902) 434-8152, or by return e-mail, with further information when received by your office. Thank you in advance, Beth Rawding/Laborador Hunting Safari
Ross Firth
Assistant Deputy Minister - Natural Heritage Branch
Department of Environment and Conservation

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117 Riverside Drive
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A2H 7S1

Ph. 709 637 2199

From: Blake, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 3:19 PM
To: Firth, Ross
Cc: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject:

A heads up that MHA for Lab West Jim Baker is calling on behalf of an outfitter wondering why he can't access non resident licences. We are also getting inquiries from resident hunters and a person purported to be from Quebec looking for resident licences, though the number he left is a local (c-brook number). A release needs to be issued soon.
Bill

Wanted to let you know that the MHA for Lab West, Jim Baker, called the WD office in Corner Brook today on behalf of an outfitter wondering why he can't access non resident licences. No one in the office has yet returned his call. Just wondering whether this is something that we should request the Minister give him a call?

Ross
I think we should get idea of impact.
Juanita, would you pls follow-up on this.
Thanks,
Mary

Sent Via BlackBerry

Hi. Would it be possible to expeditiously get a handle on the number and names of any outfitters that might have hunts booked for caribou in the next few weeks, and the number of hunters booked for each?

Thanks,

John
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Grant –

Please call:

Kevin Barry
Three Rivers Lodge

Re: Labrador Caribou Licences

Barbara Kennedy
Wildlife Division
Department of Environment and Conservation
P. O. Box 2007, 117 Riverside Drive
Corner Brook, NL A2H 7S1
Tel: (709) 637-2007 Fax: (709) 637-2033
Hi Ross,

Thanks,

Melony

Melony O'Neill
Director of Communications
Department of Environment and Conservation
4th Floor, West Block
Confederation Building
(709) 729-2575
(709) 729-0112 (fax)

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fyi

Fyi. Along with contacting Ms. Cusack, Grant will contact Chuck Rawding... the other outfitter claiming to have hunts pending.

John

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Grant. As discussed. Please ensure David is brought into this process, and that the names of outfitters and clients are secured before the issuance of any licences. GSC should not release non-resident licences to outfitters... this should be done by our staff. All resident licences are to remain on hold at the GSC.

John
Please keep me informed as to the name of the outfitters contacted and the number of licenses provided.

Ross Firth
Assistant Deputy Minister - Natural Heritage

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Ken, we have decided to issue licences to outfitters directly from out wildlife offices. This is a short term measure as we expect to have more clear direction in coming weeks.

For now, Mr. David Elliott with our Goose Bay office will be approving licences for distribution. As orders are received from outfitters, GSC should contact Mr. Elliott to approve the licences prior to the order being filled. GSC can then proceed as usual in processing the order.

We are still requesting that Government Services Centers not release any caribou licences at this point (with the exception of the ones approved by Mr. Elliott). Any enquiries for licences can be directed to my attention, and I will explain the process to those enquiring.

I am on the road today and can be reached at 649-8000. I’ll be in the office next week and can be reached at 637-2045.
Hi Grant,

To date, these are the operators and the number of hunts booked. There are still a few I am waiting to hear back from.

Paula
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There are no caribou in Labrador...and no outfitters from PQ will be operating in Labrador unless migration patterns change. I understand [REDACTED] s.40(1).

We will require the names of hunters before releasing NR licences to outfitters during this intervening and rather unusual period.

Sent Via BlackBerry

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Mary / Juanita

Regard the George River caribou herd, to please ensure that caribou hunting licenses are provided to outfitters who have communicated with departmental officials that they have confirmed hunt booked in Labrador within the period of August 10 [REDACTED] To date, I believe that approaches will be made with 3 Rivers Lodge and, I understand, Northern Labrador Outfitters. [REDACTED] This procedure has been confirmed with the DM. s.29(1)(a)

In addition, GSC are to be advised not to release non resident licences to outfitters as this action should be done by ENVC staff. All resident licences are to remain on hold at the GSC.

Do we know what the circumstances are regarding Drover’s? Are 150 hunters showing up in Labrador on August 16 expecting to hunt? Are these hunts spaced out during the season? If so, are we able to determine the hunt’s that are confirmed for August?

Ross

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I believe Drovers have an arrangement with a Que. Company

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Please find below the list of all my clients that will be hunting with us during the periods of August 16-22, August 22-28 and August 28-September 3 2010.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are missing anything. Some of the clients do not have the state they are from listed and even in a few cases I did not list a few of the names of the party members but that is simply because I did not have that information at the time that I am sending this email.

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Phone in Schererville
(418) 585-3832
From Charles Rawling
Allocation.

Number of Licenses for Week

Aug 9-13: 0
Aug 13-20: 16
Aug 20-27: 29
Aug 27-Sept 3: 25

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I spoke to Melony and expressed concern over the several references in the release advising of a "suspension" in the season when in fact outfitters are being entitled to hunt...she advised that the DM wanted the release to go as is and the Minister would address this in any interviews. Melony will take the lead on developing speaking points...I will review early this afternoon.

John

We'll need to work with Melony as we've done on previous occasions regarding speaking points. You'll need to speak with her today. I spoke with her on Friday regarding the outfitter component and asked her to raise it with the DM and Minister to see whether they wished to see the release altered. I've attached a copy that I received on Friday.

Ross

For when Ross. I am with psc this am, and both chris and gerry are off. Isn't this something melony would do using the cp and briefing notes?

Can I get a copy of the release? Did we address the issue that we are not actually delaying the season if outfitters are hunting?

John

Sent Via BlackBerry

In anticipation of the news release today regarding the delay in the opening of the caribou season in Labrador, would you please put together speaking points for the Minister in advance of the inevitable media requests on this issue.

Ross
Hi John,

As per our discussion earlier, here are some key messages for the minister on the George River caribou matter.

Please edit as you see fit, and add anything you feel should be included.

Thanks,

Melony
Key Messages – George River Caribou Management

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- The first systematic survey of this herd was conducted in 1958 and revealed a population of 15,000 caribou. It is estimated the population peaked at nearly 800,000 by the late 1980s. A 1993 estimate placed the GRCH population at approximately 775,000 caribou.
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- The current management strategies employed for the George River caribou herd were established in the mid 1980s during a period when the population of this herd was both substantial and increasing. These liberal harvest strategies include the ability of Labrador residents to assign someone else to hunt on their behalf via a transfer licence system, long hunting seasons, two caribou per licence bag limits and commercial caribou harvesting.
- Preliminary field work associated with a recent census of the George River caribou herd in Labrador indicates the herd has experienced a significant decline since the 2001 estimate of 385,000 caribou, and the final population numbers will be available later this fall.
- As a result of the decline in the herd, changes are recommended to the current harvest management regime to restrict harvesting for non-Aboriginals until survey results are finalized and a management plan is developed. These include:
  - The elimination of the remainder of commercial caribou licenses;
  - Reduction in the number of animals available to harvest on each licence from two to one for both resident and non-resident licenses; and
  - Removal of the ability for Labrador residents to have someone hunt on their behalf by eliminating the transfer licence system.
- A consultation process will be developed with the various stakeholders to facilitate the development of a new harvest management approach for the future of the herd. The information collected from stakeholder consultations, along with traditional knowledge, will be incorporated into a long-term management plan for the George River caribou herd.
• A reduction in the number of animals available to harvest on each licence from two to one for both resident and non-resident licenses will impact the outfitting industry. For the current season, outfitters who have hunts booked in August will be accommodated, and the licences will be issued directly by the department.
• The Provincial Government is committed to prudent and sustainable management of all of our valuable wildlife resources.
Hi Melony. Given the release is only announcing a "delay" [Pls see attached.]

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- In July 2010, a post-calving aggregation photo-census was conducted in partnership with the Government of Quebec, Nauvoo University, Nunavut Government, Torgat Plant and Wildlife Co-Management Board and the Institute for Environmental Monitoring and Research.
- Final census results will be unavailable until early November due to the scientific rigor that must be applied to the analyzing of the results. However, preliminary results confirm a continued and serious decline in the population.
- The substantial time frame between survey periods is due to the high cost of the survey and associated lack of dedicated resources within both Quebec and Labrador to census and monitor the herd.
- This rate of decline in the GRCH is consistent with recent declines observed in other northern caribou herds across North America.
- The periods between low-high-low populations is generally long term and well known to be between 40-70 years.
- On July 15, 2009 ENVC issued a press release announcing its plan to conduct a census in 2010 to determine current status and health of the George River caribou herd and its plan to review caribou harvest management strategies. A subsequent public advisory was published in the 2010-11 Newfoundland and Labrador Hunting and Trapping Guide indicating that current harvest management approaches and methods may be reviewed pending the results of the 2010 census.
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- The season for hunting GRCH begins August 10th.
- It is prudent for government to review its current harvest management plans for this very important herd given this recent information. As a
result, government will take the next few weeks to further analyse the potential management implications.

- In the meantime any outfitter that had previously booked clients for the month of August will be permitted to carry on with their activities pending further government direction pertaining to the GRCH.
- Decisions on the harvest management regulations for 2010/11 will be announced by early in September.
- The Provincial Government is committed to prudent and sustainable management of all of our valuable wildlife resources.
From: Blake, John  
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 9:23 AM  
To: Firth, Ross  
Subject: 

Fyi... from Tony in Labrador.

Gary Shaw of Lab City just did an interview on Labrador Morning CBC radio. He’s a former guide and hunter and is now the EA for Todd Russell’s office in Lab West. Good guy and well informed and liked. He was actually on the Lac Joe caribou survey with me in 2009.

The booked outfitter exception has not been publicized. Again, I suspect that the problem originates from the government’s communication policy. Too bad as the Division is being hit again because of the Departments/government public relations policy. CBC plans on interviewing the manager of Three Rivers Lodge (Crossroads Lake) tomorrow. Perhaps you could contact them in advance to clear up any discrepancies.

Still, the effect on Outfitters, this year and forward is minimal as the hunt has been minimal in the past few years. The numbers of used outfitter licences needs to be discussed and the trend to support management decisions.

Best of luck with this. It’s times like these, I don’t miss.
Grant,
Attached is the info for the licenses that have been released

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Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, A0P 1E0

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fax: (709) 896-0188
August 2010 outfitters licenses released by Goose Bay Wildlife Division office

**August 6, 2010**
Labrador Hunting Safari (K41)
PO Box 28043, Dartmouth
Nova Scotia, Canada, B2W 6E2
bus: 902.483.8110
fax: 902.434.4486
res: 902.434.8152
email us: info@labradorhuntingsafari.com
spoke to Beth Rawding

**Arriving August 9th**
Kvale Thorstein, Norway
Jan Ole Jongensen, Norway
Arnie Andersen, Norway
Rune Thorsen, Norway

**Arriving August 19th**
Christopher Kelbratowski, Norway
Michael Kelbratowski, Norway

And Charles Rawding (I assume this is the guide)

**August 9, 2010**
Three Rivers Lodge (T0006S)
P.O. Box 891 Wabush
Spoke to: Dawn Maddox (cell)

9-13 August
Nathan Ingram
Logan Ingram
Caleb Ingram
Carter Ingram

13-20 August
Tony Kuzmik
Bo Ackerman

20-27 August
Jeff Miller
Steve Brown
Andrew Taylor
Mark Taylor

27 August – 3 September
Brian Brilheith
Jacob Turnage
Paul Ladner
Jose DeMoya
-----Original Message-----
From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 9:42 AM
To: Blake, John
Subject: RE:

We have been approached by 3 outfitters to date:

3 Rivers Lodge  20 Licences Released
Labrador Hunting Saffari  7 Licences Released
Jack Hume Adventures Inc. Request Pending Info  (We both spoke to this group yesterday)

These are Davids Numbers, I have GSC checking their records to confirm.

-----Original Message-----
From: Blake, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 9:34 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject:

Can u confirm for me immediately please which Lab outfitters have made approaches to us, and the status of the distribution (and numbers) of any licences to them. Tks.

Sent Via BlackBerry
From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 10:01 AM
To: Mitchell, Agnes
Subject: RE: Caribou Licences

Thanks Agnes!

From: Mitchell, Agnes
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 9:54 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: RE: Caribou Licences
Importance: High

Labrador Hunting Safari has been issued:

Non-Res. Caribou Lic.#'s 3501-3507 (7)

Three Rivers Lodge has been issued:

Non-Res. Caribou Lic.#'s: 3511-3530 (20)
Non-Res. Black Bear Lic.#'s: 01-02 (2)

This is it to date.

Thanks

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 8:59 AM
To: Mitchell, Agnes
Subject: Caribou Licences

Agnes, wondering if you can get me specifics on the caribou licences you have issued to date. Ie. licence numbers and outfitter to whom they were issued.
I didn't notice that she only gave me 14 names.

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David, Three Rivers has 20 licences released but only 14 hunters listed?

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David, any requests for caribou licences you can direct to me. Also can you send me down what ever ionformation you have collected from outfitters to date? Thanks
Thanks. Just to clarify, these licences are being requested from Chuck Rawdings allocation?

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Hi Grant,

Here is all contact information that I have and the information I’ve received from outfitters to date.

If you need anything further, just let me know.

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Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation  
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E-Mail: pauladevereaux@gov.nl.ca

Paula, can you possibly get me the contact information for the Labrador Caribou Outfitters on your previous list? Thanks.

Hi Grant,

Robin Reeve just called to say he can’t get his Barren-Ground Caribou tags from Happy Valley-Goose Bay. He has hunters in the camp now and they’re waiting on the tags. Do you know what the issue is?

Thanks  
Paula

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One response, and a alternate response....

Anecdotally we're hearing for some time from hunters and outfitters that the herd has been in decline....

- A population decline was first substantiated in 2009 as a result of demographic trends witnessed in the population that foretold of a decline, including increasing adult mortality figures and fall recruitment investigations. This information was supported in recent years by anecdotal information from hunters and outfitters.

Population peaked in the 90's....

- The population of the George River herd is thought to have peaked in the late 1980's and been in decline since. In 1993 a census confirmed the population at approximately 775,000. In 2001 a census produced an estimate of 385,000 caribou.

Aboriginal can still hunt...constitutional right to hunt

- The aboriginal right of first claim against the harvesting of wildlife resources is protected in law, providing of course it does not jeopardize the conservation of the resource. It is only at a point where upper harvest limits have to be imposed that aboriginal harvesting may become affected. Currently we are simply delaying the release of most licences, and no decision has been made respecting harvest management. Therefore we must allow aboriginal harvesting to proceed.

Quebec has eliminated their commercial hunt; they are allowing outfitters who had previously booked hunts...

- In 2009, and in response to our collective concerns about the GRCH as evidenced by collar mortality and fall classifications, Quebec eliminated their commercial hunt, while NL reduced its commercial hunting by 60%.
- Quebec has asserted that they do not plan on amending their 2010 hunting regulations on the basis of this preliminary estimate, but instead will await the final census results, expected by late October, and develop a revised management plan to take effect 2011.
- The decision by Quebec not to amend their regulations for 2010 should not seriously implicate the provinces current review due to the fact that Quebec's contribution to the overall harvest of this population has been rapidly decreasing and for 2010 is estimated at less than 1,000 animals. By contrast, the majority of harvest in recent years has occurred in Labrador, and as a result we are compelled to evaluate our contribution to the harvest.

They are in the 20's (referring to the number of NR licences sold)

- The decision to allow hunts previously booked through outfitters in Labrador will not seriously implicate conservation of the herd given the fact so few hunts are booked. Outfitting for caribou in both
Labrador and Quebec has been in steady decline, and we expect that less than 100 licences will be used in Labrador during the month of August.

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To: Blake, John  
Subject: RE: CARIBOU HUNTING SEASON PUT ON HOLD: The opening of the caribou hunting season in Labrador has been put on hold. 07:40AM Item # 10 CBC - Goose Bay  

The statement that we’ve been aware of the decline for “some time” will invariably raise the issue of why, if we’ve known about the decline, have we not taken appropriate steps earlier.

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TARA MCLEAN: The opening of the caribou hunting season in Labrador has been put on hold. The announcement came just one day before the season was to open. A post-calving survey of the George River herd was done in July and it shows, it showed the serious decline in the numbers. Charlene Johnson is the minister of Environment and Conservation. Hello, Charlene Johnson.

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Hi, Tara.

TARA MCLEAN: So you've seen the numbers. How bad are they?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, these are preliminary results, and they do confirm that there has been a continued and serious decline in the population of the George River caribou herd. Anecdotally we've been hearing this for some time and local residents have seen it. So I don't think it's a huge surprise to anybody that the population has been declining. We don't have the final numbers in yet and what is in is currently being analyzed, but because we are seeing a real serious decline, that is why we have proposed to delay the hunting season in Labrador. As you know, it was supposed to open on August 10th, but we're delaying that until we can get time to analyze the numbers and take a look at our current harvest management strategies.

TARA MCLEAN: Can you even give a sense of what the numbers are looking like?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Not at this time. Not until we have the final numbers in.

TARA MCLEAN: And what's the reason for the drop in numbers?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: That's really a tough question. You're seeing globally that there is a drop in caribou numbers around and the populations are cyclic so, you know, there's a lot of factors that come into play, but certainly that's a piece of work that we are working on, as well as discussing this with other jurisdictions, not only across Canada and North America, but globally as well.

TARA MCLEAN: And we spoke with an outfitter and you know, the announcement came just one day before the season was to open, and he says this is devastating for business, as they already have customers expecting to go hunting today. Why so long for this announcement to come?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, the survey was only being conducted in July and the preliminary numbers only came in last week or seven to ten days ago, so we got the information out as quickly as we received it. And I understand his concerns with the hunts that have been booked, so we did have discussions around this and anybody who had a hunt booked for the month of August we've agreed to honour those hunts, so I'm sure that outfitter would be pleased to hear that. There isn't a whole lot of them that have been booked for August, so in terms of the number, it's not going to have any major drastic effect on the population if we allow these two dozen or so hunts to continue in August. As you know, this George River herd is shared by Quebec as well and Quebec is honouring the hunts by the
outfitters as well. So we thought it would be the fair thing to do. I'll be in a position in the next couple of weeks or so to, once we get all this work analyzed, to announce any further measures that we may be doing all across the board, outfitters, locals and so on.

TARA MCLEAN: And you know, you mentioned that the numbers being so low doesn't really come as a surprise since you've been hearing it from local people and we've heard about this for a little while now. But should outfitters have been warned much earlier that this might happen, to stop them from spending so much money getting ready for the hunt?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, some of the information that we were getting in terms of the decline was coming from outfitters and their knowledge in the area, so I don't think it's been any surprise for them as well. The other change that we made last year is the commercial hunt in Labrador, we reduced the number of licenses used in the commercial hunt there by 60 percent because of what we were hearing in terms of the decline. So we actually made some measures last year to try and curb any decline and impacts of those declines. So again, I don't think it's a huge surprise to them. Unfortunately, we got the information, as I said, a little over a week ago.

TARA MCLEAN: You know, you talk about hunters being aware, but surely you can't assume that they would suspect that it would be delayed.

CHARLENE JOHNSON: No, and I didn't think that, you know, we didn't know going into this it was going to be delayed either, but when you are presented with information like I was presented last week, it's the only right thing to do so that there will be hopefully a hunt, you know, for generations to come.

TARA MCLEAN: And is the hunt going ahead in Quebec?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Quebec last year cancelled their commercial hunt. They used to do a hunt of about 2500 animals is my understanding. They cancelled that last year, so they did take measures last year as well with their commercial hunt.

TARA MCLEAN: Right, but you're still delaying the hunt here aside from people who have already had their plans made, but is Quebec doing the same thing or are they doing anything with their hunt?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: I would certainly have to check with Quebec on that. My understanding is that there aren't very many non-aboriginals that hunt in Quebec, this herd anyway. And as we are doing here, we are still allowing the aboriginals to hunt. And my understanding is, is that the majority of local people who hunt there are aboriginals as well. But I'm hoping to have a discussion with the minister responsible there. We're trying to set up something up for Friday.

TARA MCLEAN: I guess, I guess what I'm getting at is, you know, the survey was done with the Government of Quebec as one of the partners, so you know, how effective will this measure be if Quebec
is still going to go ahead?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Right. But my understanding in Quebec is that there aren't very many non-aboriginals who hunt anyway. And the other thing is that our maps, we track the caribou and the George River herd aren't in Labrador at the present time. So by us delaying it here, you know, isn't really a major impact for the local people in Labrador at this time because the animals aren't here anyway.

TARA MCLEAN: Do you think though that people here will be angry about that though, having, you know, that Quebec is allowing non-aboriginal people to hunt there, but the province here isn't?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Again, I want to confirm whether or not Quebec is allowing to do that. I can certainly get back to you here shortly on that, Tara.

TARA MCLEAN: Is that a concern then though that maybe people will go to outfitters in Quebec and hunt these caribou, so you'll still see, you know, the caribou being killed?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, that's why we're working with Quebec on this throughout the process and Quebec to my understanding is they would typically book anywhere from about 12,000 outfitting licenses. That has declined drastically. My understanding is they're down to somewhere around 1000. And again, this is all information that I will confirm with Quebec hopefully on Friday. So you're seeing a major decline in the outfitting activity there anyway and we'll be working hand in hand with Quebec on this, because as you said, these animals are shared by Quebec and Labrador, so there's no point in us doing something to limit hunting if Quebec can do something different. They're the same animal.

TARA MCLEAN: Talking about between Quebec and Labrador, could we see Quebec Innu coming over the border like they did in the past year, shooting and taking away caribou?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, I guess that's a, you know, a difficult question. I don't know what will happen in the future. Certainly Quebec has been working with us on the census and Quebec certainly understands the seriousness of this. As I said, they demonstrated that last year by eliminating their commercial hunt entirely. So certainly we would hope that, and I'm sure they do carry those same conservation principles.

TARA MCLEAN: And so when will the hunt, the caribou hunting season start?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, I'll be able to provide a further update within a couple of weeks, once we've had a better opportunity to analyze the information that came back and take a look at our management approaches now and see what we may or may not do this year or future years. That's going to take a couple of weeks to do, so I'll be able to provide you an update and we'll know more at that time.
TARA MCLEAN: And is there a chance that the hunting season will be cancelled altogether?

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Well, I mean at this time, it's really hard for me to say. We haven't had the final numbers and the numbers that are in definitely need some analyzing. It's just that when these numbers came in, they were so serious to the point that we just need to say we need to slow down right now and take our time and look at the preliminary numbers that came in, look at our harvesting approaches right now and see if there's anything that we should do in the name of conservation.

TARA MCLEAN: Well, we'll have to end it there, but thank you very much for telling me about this.

CHARLENE JOHNSON: Okay. You're welcome, Tara.

TARA MCLEAN: Charlene Johnson is the minister of Environment and Conservation. She did get back to me on the question of if the Quebec government is delaying their hunt, and she said they are not because not many non-aboriginal people in Quebec hunt the George River herd. Now Kevin Barry is an outfitter and he's co-owner of the Three River Lodge about 220 kilometres northeast of Labrador City. And he has guests at the lodge who are ready to start the hunt, and now it looks as though they may still get the opportunity. Barry told Reporter Mike Power what's happened in the past few days.

KEVIN BARRY: Last week I was informed that the government was thinking about not opening up the season. I think it was Thursday of last week that I initially found out about it.

MIKE POWER: What was your reaction? I mean, you obviously had clients booked already.

KEVIN BARRY: Oh well I had eight guests coming from Houston, Texas that were coming in to do a bit of fishing and hunting, where the season would open up this Wednesday for hunting or Tuesday sorry, and I wasn't going to be able to accommodate them with their hunt. So it was quite distressful.

MIKE POWER: You have these people, they're up in the lodge, they were fishing, they were expecting the hunting. What happens with them?

KEVIN BARRY: As of yesterday, the government did notify us that they are going to open the season and issue our licenses. We're still at the discretion of the government, trying to get these licenses. So as of today, they still haven't been able to accomplish their hunt because I'm waiting on these licenses, so it's, it's getting pretty sticky.

MIKE POWER: So right now, this means that the outfitters will be able to go ahead and have their hunt

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KEVIN BARRY: Yes, that's the way it seems for now, is that the outfitters and everybody that they have booked, they will be issued those licenses for this year and be able to accomplish their hunts.

MIKE POWER: Are you satisfied with that?

KEVIN BARRY: I'm glad that I'm getting my licenses, but I'm not very pleased over what it's cost me to get these licenses. I've acquired a great deal of debt trying to get these licenses. My camps are 160 miles in the middle of nowhere and I have to fly these licenses back and forth. So which I should have had last week, but I didn't get, which I had paid for.

MIKE POWER: Give me some idea of what this is costing out of pocket.

KEVIN BARRY: Well, I sent a plane out yesterday expecting to pick these licenses up yesterday and I've had my manager came out of the camp last week, and another plane today to fly these licenses back in. It's on the verge of being around $8000 now, it's costing me out of the pocket.

MIKE POWER: You're able to get licenses for the trips that you're already booked, that are on the books and everything else. What about future bookings? Have you any idea what happens there?

KEVIN BARRY: I'm not quite sure, Mike. Yesterday when we talked to the wildlife division, they wanted the names of the people that I had already booked. So I'm not quite clear, understanding is that just the ones I have booked or if I have the ability to book more, can I get more licenses. That hasn't been cleared yet.

MIKE POWER: I checked this morning and the hunt is still going ahead as normal just across the border. This action was taken to manage the herd and what are your thoughts on that?

KEVIN BARRY: Yeah, I don't know what's going on there. It's Quebec government hasn't stopped the hunt, but yet the Newfoundland government has. Why, I don't know why. It's supposed to be a joint effort in between these two governments to manage this herd and they don't do it.

MIKE POWER: How disastrous would it have been if you didn't get these licenses and you know, they said, well sorry, you know, the hunt is cancelled til sometime in September, maybe even longer. What would it mean to you financially and I guess for your business?

KEVIN BARRY: Well, if I wasn't going to get these licenses, I was going to be faced with shutting down
my camps four weeks early, which I have a plane leased for four weeks that I have to pay for regardless whether I use it or not, I have nine people that I would have laid off that would have hurt this winter because of it, and financially wise, I would have just lost an awful lot of money out of this.

MIKE POWER: When are your next guests due to arrive for a hunt?

KEVIN BARRY: Next Friday I have another eight guests coming in from, for another caribou hunt.

MIKE POWER: Yeah and you feel confident then that you'll get those licenses in time for that?

KEVIN BARRY: I hope so. We'll see. I haven't received them yet as of today, but I'm hoping today that I will get them.

MIKE POWER: When decisions are made like this in a hurry, like a few days before, do you think that could hurt the industry for outfitters?

KEVIN BARRY: Well, it does. I mean, I have these eight people that they're a family and they came up and they paid a lot of money to come here and their own travel expenses and hotels and travelling. And to sit in a camp all week long, not knowing that they can only accomplish half of their vacation and to be told, you know, a day ahead okay don't worry about it tomorrow, you're going to be able to do it, and then I still can't do it with them today til I receive these licenses. I mean, it has to put a sour taste on their palate too, to, you know, why am I coming to Labrador? You know, I can go to Quebec and there's never no mess.

MIKE POWER: Are you worried now that these people, they're up in your hunting camp, they expected to do a hunt, I mean could they come back to you and say look, you know, you didn't deliver, we want our money back?

KEVIN BARRY: Well technically they could. I mean, I sold them a caribou hunt that they were supposed to do and I can't deliver on that. I mean it's the same thing as you going on vacation and you want to do a cruise and you get in Miami and you don't have the boat there. You'd want your money back.

MIKE POWER: Have you spoken with these people and what are they saying?

KEVIN BARRY: They're pretty understanding to it. I mean, they, you know, it's not our fault but it becomes my fault because I should know about it.
MIKE POWER: So would you fault the government, you know, for giving such short notice?

KEVIN BARRY: Oh, very much so. I mean, this is something that could have been released months ago. I mean, they just didn't decide this yesterday that this herd was in danger. They've been, they must have been studying this for a while now. It's, the magical number just didn't happen last week and oh, we got to stop this.

MIKE POWER: I guess you will, will you meet with people from those departments in future to make sure something like this doesn't happen again?

KEVIN BARRY: Yeah, we'll try and arrange some meetings and stuff, but if we don't get any more of a response than we got this week trying to get the licenses, I don't know how far that will go.

MIKE POWER: Overall, are you satisfied now with the result of what's happened in the past few days?

KEVIN BARRY: I'm pleased that I'm getting the licenses. I don't like the leading up to getting the licenses. There was a lot of phone calls and texts and e-mails sent with no response. Jim Baker was the only one that actually responded to my company and, out of all the people and contacts that we were given, he was the only one from the government that actually could call and give us any answers.

MIKE POWER: I hope things work out. Thank you very much for this.

KEVIN BARRY: Thank you.

TARA MCLEAN: Kevin Barry is co-owner of Three Rivers Lodge.
Ok; we just only released 7 to them on Aug. 9th, so we will fill this order for 70 more.
Thanks,

Agnes Mitchell
Clerk IV
GSC, HVGB

Aug. 12/10

Agnes, please release 70 non resident caribou licences to Labrador Hunting Safari (Charles Rawding). Richard Hume will be contacting you to arrange payment and pickup.

Please Reply to confirm receipt of this email.
From: Blake, John  
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 10:42 AM  
To: Firth, Ross  
Subject: FW: Jack Hume Adventures Caribou Licences

Ross. FYI.

I heard no issue from TCR, and we have the list from the Labrador outfitter for 70 hunters. These licences will be given to Jack Hume and the hunt will be “administered” by the Jack Hume, operating in Labrador, but the licences were allocated to Labrador Hunting Safari.

John

From: DICKS, Grant H.  
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 10:15 AM  
To: Blake, John  
Subject: RE: Jack Hume Adventures Caribou Licences

John, I have a hunter list for the 70 licences and will instruct GSC in Goose Bay to Release the licences under Labrador Hunting Safari (Charles Rawding)

From: Blake, John  
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 11:34 AM  
To: KeelRyan, Juanita; Taylor-Ash, Mary  
Cc: DICKS, Grant H.; Firth, Ross  
Subject: FW: Jack Hume Adventures Caribou Licences

This relates to a Quebec outfitter accessing licences from a NL outfitter under some supposed internal relationship. Does TCR have any issue with the "subletting" of NL licences to a Quebec based operator? If you recall this was the same people involved in the enforcement issues in Labrador last fall. If you have no issue, we will issue the licences once we have confirmed the specific hunter list.

John

From: DICKS, Grant H.  
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 10:44 AM  
To: Blake, John  
Subject: Jack Hume Adventures Caribou Licences

John just to confirm that Jack Hume Adventures is accessing labrador caribou licences through Labrador Hunting Safari (Chuck Rawding) as per your telephone conversation with Chuck earlier this week?

They have identified 70 individuals who have purchased Lab caribou hunts up to the week ending September 3rd.
Blundon, Courtney

From: KeelRyan, Juanita
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 2:46 PM
To: Blake, John; Taylor-Ash, Mary
Cc: DICKS, Grant H.; Firth, Ross
Subject: RE: Jack Hume Adventures Caribou Licences

Hi John,
Unfortunately, any issue we have with this situation is not a legal one. There is nothing that I am aware of in regulation or policy, as of today's date, that would stop this transaction. Even our own outfitters were known to accommodate hunters in Quebec and then hunt in Labrador. Unless there is some law I am not aware off, there is nothing to stop the transaction noted below.
Juanita

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Current list of licences released as of August 13, 2010
Thought you might like to know the current number of caribou licenses that we've released to date:

- 3 Rivers Lodge: 20 licenses
- Labrador Hunting Safari: 77 licenses

Total of 97 licenses or 194 caribou.

Ross

Ross Firth
Assistant Deputy Minister - Natural Heritage

Department of Environment and Conservation
P.O. Box 2007
117 Riverside Drive
Corner Brook, NL
A2H 7S1

Ph. (709) 637-2199
Fax (709) 637-2180
Hello Grant,

Could you please advise if there is any new information available on the status of caribou licenses? As per our last telephone conversation, you explained that licenses would be issued only for the month of August bookings. Is there an update for September licenses? Thanks in advance, Beth Rawding/Labrador Hunting Safari Ltd.

----- Original Message ----- 
From: DICKS, Grant H. 
To: Beth Rawding 
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 12:14 PM 
Subject: RE: Caribou Licenses

Thanks Beth, when are the clients arriving, how many are there, and where are you looking to hunt?

From: Beth Rawding [mailto:____________@_____]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 9:35 AM 
To: DICKS, Grant H. 
Subject: Caribou Licenses

Hello Grant,

Further to our telephone conversation of today's date, as well as previous discussions regarding the issuing of caribou licenses for the 2010 season, you have advised that as of today, there are still no answers with regard to the status of caribou licenses. The season opens a week from today, and as you are well aware, we have hunters arriving from Norway with expectations to receive the hunting licenses they paid for. As you advised, you cannot comment further, and it appears as though we must simply sit by and wait for some kind of an announcement. As previously discussed, I can be reached at (902) 434-8152, or by return e-mail, with further information when received by your office. Thank you in advance, Beth Rawding/Labrador Hunting Safari

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Keith, Debi L

From: Elliott, David
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 10:22 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: RE: Caribou Licenses

From Agnes.

Thanks,
David

David Elliott
Wildlife Project Biologist
Dept. of Environment and Conservation
Wildlife Division
Box 3014, Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, A0P 1E0

phone: (709) 896-5107
fax: (709) 896-0188

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Elliott, David
Subject: RE: Caribou Licenses

Sure, who are you getting the requests from?

From: Elliott, David
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 10:02 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: Caribou Licenses

Grant,

We are still receiving faxed requests from GSC for approval to release licenses. Wanda spoke to her after you returned to the office and informed her these were to go through you now. Could you clarify this with her?

Thank you,
David

David Elliott
Wildlife Project Biologist
Dept. of Environment and Conservation
Wildlife Division
Box 3014, Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, A0P 1E0

phone: (709) 896-5107
fax: (709) 896-0188
Yes please.

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From: Mitchell, Agnes
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 11:35 AM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Cc: Power, Lisa
Subject: RE: Labrador Caribou Licence Approvals

So does that mean we no longer fax them to David Elliott in HVGB; but now fax them onto your office for approval?

Thanks,

Agnes Mitchell
GSC, HVGB
Aug. 19/10

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From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 10:09 AM
To: Mitchell, Agnes
Cc: Elliott, David
Subject: Labrador Caribou Licence Approvals

Agnes, please direct requests for release of Labrador Caribou Licences to my attention. Thanks

Grant Dicks
Manager of Licensing and Operations
Wildlife Division
Ph 709 637 2045
From: DICKS, Grant H.  
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:33 PM  
To: Mitchell, Agnes  
Subject: RE: Labrador Caribou Licence Approvals

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From: Mitchell, Agnes  
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:59 PM  
To: DICKS, Grant H.  
Subject: RE: Labrador Caribou Licence Approvals

What's your fax # please; I have an order here from Metchin River Lodge for 40 non-res. Caribou licences.  
Thanks,

Agnes Mitchell  
GSC, HVGB  
Aug. 19/10

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TO: Grant Dicks, Dept. of Environment & Conservation, Corner Brook
DATE: August 19/10
FAX #: 637-2099
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FROM: Agnes Mitchell
Clerk IV
Government Service Centre
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador
FAX #: (709) 896-4340

COMMENTS:
Attached is a Vendor Order Form for caribou licences for your approval.

If you have any questions, please call me at 896-5428.

Thanks,
Agnes Mitchell
Clerk IV
GSC, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
To: Grant  
For Approval

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Your thoughts? I presume we have no choice but to continue in the manner we have begun.

John

John have we received direction to continue releasing licences to outfitters beyond September 3rd? I have one request for September hunts to date but expect more this week.
From: Parrott, William  
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 4:23 PM  
To: Firth, Ross  
Subject: Re: Labrador Caribou Harvest  

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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
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From: Firth, Ross  
To: Parrott, William  
Cc: Blake, John  
Sent: Mon Aug 23 15:54:25 2010  
Subject: Labrador Caribou Harvest  

Bill  
non-responsive
You should also be aware that the Division continues to receive enquiries from outfitters to release non-resident licenses based on confirmed hunts in September. The Division is considering these requests on a week by week basis and will continue to process them until such time as new direction is provided. Currently, a total of 97 licenses have been issued for non-resident hunts.

Ross

Ross Firth
Assistant Deputy Minister - Natural Heritage

Department of Environment and Conservation
P.O. Box 2007
117 Riverside Drive
Corner Brook, NL
A2H 7S1

Ph. (709) 637-2199
Fax (709) 637-2180
Hello Grant,

Just sending another follow-up to ask if there is any news regarding the September caribou licenses. Is there any information available that would enlighten us on what to expect. I have clients wondering if they are going to be able to hunt, and inquiries on availability for this season, and I have no idea what to tell them. When can we expect to be informed somehow on the future of our outfitting business?

Thanks in advance for your anticipated reply,

Beth Rawding/Labrador Hunting Safari Ltd.
Todd any enquiries you get from outfitters can be directed to my attention. The season in Labrador remains postponed.

From: Blake, John  
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 2:51 PM  
To: DICKS, Grant H.  
Subject: FW: caribou Hunt

Grant –

Please reply on John's behalf

Thanks
Barb

From: Kent, Todd  
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 2:49 PM  
To: Blake, John  
Subject: caribou Hunt

Hello John,

Could you tell me what the present status of the hunt is here in Labrador? Are outfitters permitted to conduct hunts?

I'm getting inquiries on the matter.

Thanks John,  
todd

Todd Kent  
Tourism Development Officer (Labrador)  
Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Ph. (709) 944-5013
Good morning Grant,
I faxed an order for 40 Non Res. caribou for Metchin River lodge for approval about two weeks ago and still haven't got an ok for the order. I have just refaxed the order again. Can you let me know if this order is ok for processing?

Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Power
Clerk IV
Government Service Centre
Motor Registration
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PH: 709-896-5430
    709-896-9566
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TO:    Grant Dicks, Dept. of Environment & Conservation, Corner Brook

DATE:  August 19/10

FAX #:  637-2099

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FROM:  Lisa Power
        Clerk IV
        Government Service Centre
        Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador

FAX #:  (709) 896-4340

COMMENTS:

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METHOD OF PAYMENT: CASH _ DEBIT _ CHEQUE _ MONEY ORDER _ VISA _ MASTER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: [redacted]

SIGNATURE: ___________________________

ALL CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE NEWFOUNDLAND EXCHEQUER ACCOUNT

Form/Record January 1, 2010

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Beth, wondering if you could give me a call regarding Labrador Caribou Licences.

Grant Dicks
Manager of Licensing and Operations
Wildlife Division
Ph 709 637 2045
Keith, Debi L

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Blake, John
Cc: Firth, Ross
Subject: Labrador Non Resident Hunt

I've been attempting to contact the outfitters with Labrador Caribou to get a handle on the success rate so far this season. I've only managed to speak with Beth Rawding who wasn't able to provide much info as Chuck is in camp. Difficult to get info as the guides are still in the country. I'll keep digging but I'm not confident on having solid information for some time.
Todd, sorry for the delay. Any enquiries you get from outfitters can be directed to my attention. The season in Labrador remains postponed.

Grant —

Please reply on John's behalf

Thanks
Barb

Hello John,

Could you tell me what the present status of the hunt is here in Labrador? Are outfitters permitted to conduct hunts?

I'm getting inquiries on the matter.

Thanks John,
todd

Todd Kent
Tourism Development Officer (Labrador)
Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Ph. (709) 944-5013
Thanks Todd. The status of the hunt remains unchanged from the aug 9th press release, and the caveat to that being that outfitters who previously had hunts booked would be allowed to continue...administratively we require the names of hunters before releasing licences. I hope to have more info by ext week.

Sent Via BlackBerry

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Hello all,

The practice of passing licenses from one outfitter to another has been taking place for quite a few years. Since the George River caribou migrate back and forth across the Labrador/Quebec border there are times when caribou are only accessible on one side of the border. This agreement allows access to both Labrador and Quebec outfitters. When the situation arises where animals are only accessible on the Quebec side, the Labrador outfitter then passes licenses over to the Quebec outfitter and visa versa when caribou are only accessible on the Quebec side.

Technically speaking all a nonresident hunter needs in Labrador is a non-resident license and a licensed guide and he or she is good to go and can legally hunt.

With regard to Mr. Rawding being a resident of Nova Scotia, nothing unusual there. Many out-fitting operations in the province are owned and/or operated by residents from other parts of the country and the US or other country.

According to outfitters and guides who hunt in the remote fly-in areas, apparently, they don't take the paunch out of the animals because they can't utilize the livers, there is very little meat on the ribs and carrying bone adds unnecessary weight on the aircraft. I guess only the conservation officers can attest to how much meat is actually being left.

I have just recently received a call from Richard Hume of Jack Hume Adventures and he informed me that since being instructed to take all consumable meat, they are presently taking out the rib cages as well. In fact the last aircraft that landed in Schefferville had rib cages aboard. I instructed him to make sure the guides attach the tags in the proper location between the tendon and the bone with the tag being around the bone and to make sure that portion of the leg remains with the meat at all times. I passed the same message onto Chuck Rawding of Labrador Hunting Safari.

Mr. Hume has three guide from Newfoundland employed.

In the meantime it would be good to know what the exact status is regarding the caribou hunt so that we can correctly respond to inquiries.

Also FYI, resident caribou licenses are presently available for purchase at various vendors. The vendors do not seem to be aware of any postponement on the season opening.

Todd
From: Blake, John  
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 10:58 AM  
To: Leboubon, Derek J  
Cc: KeelRyan, Juanita; Kent, Todd; DICKS, Grant H.  
Subject: RE: Que outfitter

Hi Derek. The issue of Quebec outfitters hunting in NL came up last year as well, and we were advised by TCR that the subletting of licences was permitted, or more specifically, that there was nothing preventing the subletting of licences. As I understand it Chuck Rawding (who despite being a NS resident is a listed outfitter in NL) has been accessing the NL non resident licences under his allocation by providing the requested list of hunters, and then having Jack Hume conduct the hunt within Labrador. Apparently this practice has been a long standing agreement between outfitters operating in both NL and Quebec. I recently advised my counterpart in Quebec on this matter and he was unaware it was occurring and questioned the legality of it from PQ's perspective. Nothing has been confirmed since. I've copied Juanita and Todd for their impression.

John

From: Leboubon, Derek J  
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 10:41 AM  
To: Blake, John  
Subject: Que outfitter

John

Is Jack Hume Adventures one of the Outfitters licensed for NL?

If not how did they get caribou Licenses, when caribou hunting is restricted to local outfitters who had hunts already sold before the suspension of the hunt?

Thanks
Derek

From: Duffett, Bill  
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 9:46 AM  
To: Hope, Bruce; Coady, Craig G.; Leboubon, Derek J  
Cc: Carroll, Colin  
Subject: Que outfitter

Guys

Had the chance yesterday to make a check on Jack Hume Adventures (Innu pond/Andre Lake). I can't understand what is going on here. We have a Quebec outfitter killing caribou on our side of the border with no sign of a Labrador outfitter on site. I questioned the guides and hunters who all informed me they were working for Jack Hume Adventures or had booked their hunting trip with Jack Hume Adventures. The hunters or the guides now nothing about any Labrador outfitter.

I inspected each hunters boxed meat and found very little meat was being ship back on the aircraft, which was on site at the time I had arrived. Neither hunter had ribs or any meat with bone attached. Having questioned the guides they informed me they were told not to send ribs. I asked the guide and a hunter to take me to several kill sites via helicopter to inspect the kill sites, at which time I witness high graging at it's finest, not one caribou had even been field dressed. Only back straps and upper parts of legs had been taken. I read guides caution /rights to counsel etc, told them I would be doing an investigation into matter. With regards to hunters, I never seized anything just photo,s but did explain to entire hunting party that if they ever hunt within the province of NL they are required to take the entire animal.

This is just a quick note, I guess we will need to sit down on this one
For your information and files. The Division has released 97 non resident caribou licences to two Labrador Outfitters, the majority to Chuck Rawding of Labrador Hunting Safari (who is serving as a outfitter himself and also brokering licences to Jack Hume Adventures) and the remainder to Three Rivers Safari. If you recall one of the conditions for release of NR licences this year was that the outfitter supply the name(s) of booked hunters to us.

From our perspective I am of the assumption that we will continue to release any NR licences that originate from outfitters who provide a name to us until such a time as cabinet directs otherwise.

I will keep you appraised.

John
Attention: Grant Dicks
Fax: (707) 637-2099

Dear Grant,

Please find listed below all of the hunters who have been issued Labrador Caribou licenses.

08/31-09/03
09/01-09/03
09/03-09/09
09/07-09/16
09/10-09/15
09/15-09/21

**FAIR CHASE HUNTS WITH PROFESSIONALS**
Should you wish to contact me then please call 418-585-3832.

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Sept.
Up until end of 3rd.
12 of
15
30 licences

**FAIR CHASE HUNTS WITH PROFESSIONALS**
Dear Mr. Dicks,

As per our phone conversation these are the names of the clients that could potentially still hunt in Labrador during our 2010 season:

**Sept. 15-21**
- Hunter #2
- Hunter #3
- Hunter #4

**Sept. 21-27**
- Hunter #2
- Hunter #3
- Hunter #4
- Hunter #5
- Hunter #6

**Sept. 27-03**
- Hunter #2

FAIR CHASE HUNTS WITH PROFESSIONAL
Keith, Debi L

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 12:57 PM
To: Mitchell, Agnes
Subject: RE: wildlife licence order for non-resident caribou licences for LB Hunting Safari

I have the request from Mr. Hume and will advise GSC when to release these licences.

From: Mitchell, Agnes
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 12:23 PM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Cc: Power, Lisa
Subject: wildlife licence order for non-resident caribou licences for LB Hunting Safari
Importance: High

Good day,

I just faxed you the vendor order form for LB Hunting Safari for 30 non-resident caribou licences; Mr. Richard Hume said that these licences can be issued to him as per your permission??

Please advise.

Thanks,

Agnes Mitchell
Government Service Centre
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Tel.: 896-5428

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Signature: ___________

All cheques or money orders are to be made payable to the Newfoundland Exchequer Account.
Please issue the following licenses:

1. 30 non-resident caribou licenses
2. 18 black bear licenses - non-resident

Once again these licenses should be ordered through Labrador Hunting Safaris and will be picked up by [redacted] in Goose Bay. Contact [redacted] for

I hereby authorize you to take the full payment for the above licenses from my name on the [redacted] and I can be reached at [redacted].

Thanks,

[Fair chase hunts with [redacted]]
Grant,
Could you provide more clarification on caribou orders please? From what I understood last week, there were to be NO caribou licenses distributed to vendors, neither resident or non resident until you had further direction from the minister. Is this correct? And if so, we have had a couple of vendors who say that they have confirmation from you, since then, that they can have caribou licenses? Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Power
Clerk IV
Government Service Centre
Motor Registration
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PH: 709-896-5430
        709-896-9566
Keith, Debi L

From: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 2:11 PM
To: Power, Lisa
Subject: RE: Caribou Orders

Correct

From: Power, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 1:07 PM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: RE: Caribou Orders

Thanks Grant. We had an order come in from Labrador Hunting Safari this morning and when we spoke to him, he said that you had ok'd the order for caribou licenses.

This is my understanding....when we get an order for caribou, whether resident of non resident, we fax the order to you. The licenses can be sent to the vendor, only when we receive word from you that they can be released. So the orders are not completely on hold, just until you confirm the release of the licenses????

Lisa Power
Clerk IV
Government Service Centre
Motor Registration
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PH: 709-896-5430
709-896-9566
Lisa, we are not approving any resident caribou licences. The only licence requests that I will be approving will be for non resident caribou.

Thanks
the opening of the caribou hunting season in Labrador has been postponed with no known opening date available at this time. Therefore caribou licences are not available at vendors, and will not be available in the short term.

Would you please respond to this one.

Thanks,
Annette

Annette Whiteway
Management Analyst
Wildlife Division
Telephone: (709) 637-2500/729-2530

My name is [REDACTED] I am looking for some info please on any regulations concerning NL island residents getting a caribou licence in labrador. I presently hold a moose licence for teh island in Area 5, but will be travelling to labrador next week for a few days. I would like to know if I am able to obtain a caribou licence (from my understanding at a retail outlet in the lab city area or otherwise, I can buy a licence). I wish to know the regulations in this respect, if you are able to give this to me. If not, could you please put me in the right direction? I would appreciate it very much. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
Correct. Not until such time as a season opening date is determined.

Lisa Power
Clerk IV
Government Service Centre
Motor Registration
Happy Valley–Goose Bay
PH: 709-896-5430
Blundon, Courtney

From: Blake, John
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 1:11 PM
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Subject: Re: Labrador Caribou Licences

I will see u in 20 re this.

Sent Via BlackBerry

DICKS, Grant H.
To: Blake, John
Cc: Firth, Ross
Sent: Mon Sep 20 12:21:15 2010
Subject: Labrador Caribou Licences

John, unless you have further direction, Ill be releasing a further 30 licences to Labrador Hunting Safari to be used by Jack Hume Adventures. I have obtained from the outfitter the list of hunters who have currently used licences and those who will be hunting on these new licences.
Please proceed. The licences are valid only until October 3, 2010.

John

John, unless you have further direction, I'll be releasing a further 30 licences to Labrador Hunting Safari to be used by Jack Hume Adventures. I have obtained from the outfitter the list of hunters who have currently used licences and those who will be hunting on these new licences.
These licences can be released to Mr. Hume.

Good day,
I just faxed you the vendor order form for LB Hunting Safari for 30 non-resident caribou licences; Mr. Richard Hume said that these licences can be issued to him as per your permission?? Please advise.

Thanks,

Agnes Mitchell
Government Service Centre
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Tel.: 896-5428

Sept. 14/10
I spoke to Richard this afternoon. Explained to him the current regulations pertaining to wastage of meat, explained the crown land requirements, discussed my concern over the inability to reconcile names provided with licenced hunters checked, our concern over the lack of knowledge exhibited by his guides and other general outfitting and hunter related issues. Advised the tone of his letter was inappropriate, grossly inaccurate and unprofessional and that given it appeared from my perspective that the benefit of the doubt had been provided to his guests on that day his threats outlined in the email were certainly misdirected. I advised him that contrary to his view, I thought the guests were open, friendly, cooperative and understanding of our presence, and that I gleaned considerable useful input from them concerning the number of animals and collars seen, the herd behavior, condition and movement, the presence of bears and wolves and other useful information. I took his demeanor to be meek and he openly admitted regret for having sent the message and that last year’s events factored heavily in his writing of the message. He apologized for the tone of the email and advised a retraction was forthcoming.

Progression of any action related to the wastage of game or illegal occupancy of crown land is not within my forte. I acknowledge the poor degree of accountability the current legislation has for the outfitting industry as a whole and this incident only further solidifies my resolve to continue echoing this message.

If we need to discuss this issue further please let me.

John
Richard Hume
Jack Hume Adventures Inc
P.O Box 272
Lachute, QC J8H 3X5
www.jackhumeadventures.com
1-877-563-3832

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:08 PM
To: richard@jackhumeadventures.com
Subject: bears at andre camp

Richard

I stopped at Andre yesterday the bears made a big mess, I guess your cook must have left a lot of food in the pantry. The bear broke into the wall behind the propane stoves and looks like he put a ladder up to window and got in that way also. You may need new hoses for stoves and new cooking gear. Upstairs is untouched.

Crystal Lake bears around camp, never got in. A martin or squirrel did get in and make a little mess, not too bad. I will send you a few photos later tonight (when the kids show me how to do it again!!!) Talk to you later.

Bill

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 9.0.819 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2908 - Release Date: 05/31/10 02:25:00
Ross,

As per your request attached are the Labrador Non Resident Caribou Licence Sales for 2005 to 2009.

Annette

Annette Whiteway
Management Analyst
Wildlife Division
Telephone: (709) 637-2500/(709) 729-2530
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Unable to locate files for Black Spruce Lodge or Seal Lake Lodge. Requires further information such as camp owner as they may be operating under a different name.
No wd am... I arrive in goose tues afternoon back wed evening

----- Original Message -----
From: Blake, John
To: Beth Rawding
Subject: Re: Labrador Hunting Safari

Hi Chuck. I am participating in the consultations on the GRCH and while I will see you Tuesday night, my schedule is completely booked for the next day with other groups. Perhaps over a coffee the next morning...

From: Beth Rawding
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 9:45 AM
To: Blake, John
Subject: Labrador Hunting Safari

Good Morning Mr. Blake,

I will be in Goose Bay on Tuesday, October 12th and would like to meet with you to discuss the events that took place this year in relation to my outfitting business. Would it be possible for us to schedule a meeting for sometime that day?

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated reply,

Charles Rawding
Owner/Operator
Labrador Hunting Safari Ltd.

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Hi Grant... have not heard back from you regarding the message below. Do you require information re bear licenses, and can we get details on study findings re: GRH? Thanks in advance, Beth Rawding/LHS

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Beth Rawding
To: DICKS, Grant H.
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 12:37 PM
Subject: Labrador Hunting Safari

Hello Grant,

Just writing to let you know that we received your telephone message of last week regarding 2010 bear licenses. I've tried to return your call a couple of times, but there is no answer or message center. Did you still require information? Also, where can we get current information regarding the details of the GRH study that is currently underway, and subsequent results that have been reported since the initial start in 2010? As I understand it, non-resident hunting will be suspended for the 2012 season as well?

Beth Rawding/Labrador Hunting Safari