April 10, 2015

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: EC/4/2015]

On March 17, 2015, Executive Council received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All Cabinet records relating to the George River Caribou Herd, along with any and all information connected to the GRHC Hunting Ban, which was imposed in January 2013."

On March 18, 2015 you refined the time frame of your request as follow:

"I wish to have info from January 1st, 2009 to present day."

A search of our records indicates that all responsive records are considered cabinet records and access has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

18.(1) In this section

(a) "cabinet record" means

(iii) a memorandum, the purpose of which is to present proposals or recommendations to the Cabinet,

(v) an agenda, minute or other record of Cabinet recording deliberations or decisions of the Cabinet,

(viii) a record created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet,

(c) "official cabinet record" means a cabinet record referred to in paragraph (a) which has been prepared for and considered in a meeting of the Cabinet; and
(2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant a Cabinet record, including

(a) an official Cabinet record;

Records refused on the basis of section 18(2)(a) (official cabinet record), may be appealed directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 30 days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 60. You may also contact the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner who may decide to initiate an appeal pursuant to subsection 60(1.1).

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
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

The Department of Environment and Conservation is responsible for government actions related to caribou management. You may wish to contact that department to determine if they have documents which may be of assistance to you.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response 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 responsive records 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 questions, please feel free to contact Rachelle Cutler at (709) 729-5691 or by e-mail at rachellecutler@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

PAULA BURT
Deputy Clerk and Associate Secretary to Cabinet