SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2010, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 63/2010

TITLE:	Support for Beaver Lake Cree Nation to protect the Woodland Caribou in their Traditional Territories
SUBJECT:	Wildlife Management
MOVED BY:	Eric Tootoosis, Proxy, Poundmaker First Nation, Alberta
SECONDED BY:	Chief Arthur Noskey, Loon River Cree Indian Band, British Columbia
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No.8 (hereinafter Assembly of Treaty Chiefs or AOTC) have been presented with a copy of a Study entitled "Expert Report on Woodland Caribou {Rangiver tarandus caribou} in the Traditional Territory of Beaver Lake Cree Nation" authored by Dr. Stan Boutin, PhD, FRSC dated July 5, 2010.

B. This report states that "The cumulative effects of many individual projects have led to a total industrial activity exceeding the levels that can support viable caribou herds in the TT {Traditional Territory} and surrounding area".

C. The citizens and members of Beaver Lake Cree Nation have been unable to exercise their Treaty Rights to harvest Caribou in their Traditional Territory, as guaranteed under Treaty No. 6 of 1876 and affirmed and protected by the Constitution of Canada under Section 35.

D. The Government of Canada has failed to protect the Caribou Herds and thereby failed to ensure that the rights of the Beaver Lake Cree nation were protected.

E. The Beaver Lake Cree Nation Chief and Council have undertaken to pursue the protection of the rights guaranteed under Treaty No. 6 of 1876 and to protect the Caribou Herds, with recognition to the

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overlap to the traditional territories, to the extent possible, including but not limited to pursuing action in the Federal Court pursuant to the Species at Risk Act.

F. The Nations of the Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 wish to support the Beaver Lake Cree Nation in their Federal Court Action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Affirm their political support for the Beaver Lake Cree Nation in their Federal Court Action pursuant to the Species at Risk Act to protect the Caribou Herds within their traditional territories.

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