



**Department of Environment**  
**PO Box 2703 V-1, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6**

August 17, 2022

Complainant c/o  
Tara Martin, Registrar  
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
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Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1G3

Dear Tara,

**RE: Investigation Report File ATP-ADJ-2022-02-053**

The Department of Environment is in receipt of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC)'s August 05, 2022 report and recommendations concerning file ATP-ADJ-2022-02-053. This letter serves as the Department of Environment's notice, as required under Section 104 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP Act) (2018), within the required 15 business days of receiving the report.

### **Decision**

The department has reviewed and considered the report and recommendations. We determined that the implications and consequences of the 3 recommendations to disclose the data remain significant. The Department of Environment is rejecting the recommendations outlined within the IPC's report.

### **Rationale**

As detailed in our submissions to the above-noted file, the release of the requested information will have significant implications for meeting our mandated responsibility to co-manage, protect and conserve grizzly bears on the Yukon North Slope. Our Inuvialuit co-management partners have been very clear in their opposition to the release of location data, including GPS collar data, for Yukon North Slope grizzly bears. We have provided a letter in our submission, from the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) (WMAC NS), stating that the release of the data would be detrimental to our co-management relationships and it will be regarded as a breach of trust if the department unilaterally releases the information without Inuvialuit participation.

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Should the data be released without proper data-sharing agreements, which we have proposed, and without Inuvialuit participation, we risk significant damage to long-standing relationships with Inuvialuit management and co-management partners in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. Further, making sensitive data publicly available without proper consent or constraints will disempower Inuvialuit partners in the stewardship and co-management of the North Slope grizzly bear population. This will infringe the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA).

**Appeal**

Pursuant to Section 105 of the ATIPP Act, you may apply to the Court for a review of the decision in relation to the recommendations made within 30 business days of receiving this notice.

I am aware of the gravity and importance of the recommendations from your inquiry, and I assure you we share your interests in promoting transparency and information-sharing.

Sincerely,

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Manon Moreau  
Deputy Minister of Environment