

Submission to the Statutory Review Committee on *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

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# Independent Statutory Review Committee

## Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

### Newfoundland and Labrador

Dear Reviewers:

Please consider making all Wildlife scientific progress reports available to the general public. A case in point is the Island's 5-year \$15,300,000 caribou study. It is now into the 7<sup>th</sup> year - Feb 2008 study initiation, and we have no progress reports that the public can see. UPON ASKING IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BORROW OR RECEIVE A COPY so the client (the public) is kept in the dark. Note that the best Wildlife Management research outfit in North America is Alaska which provides annual progress reports as do other wildlife agencies.

Sincerely,

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