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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

January 13th, 2017

Mr. Andrew Nakashuk, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Re: Written submission on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Attached to this correspondence is a Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) workshop report entitled "Protecting Caribou and their Habitat". This workshop report provides detailed summaries of presentations delivered by participants at the NWMB's November 2015 workshop, as well as results of breakout group and plenary discussions. The workshop report also describes points of agreement among workshop participants, key findings and recommendations, and the next steps for the NWMB and its co-management partners to help manage and protect caribou and caribou habitat in Nunavut.

The NWMB would also like to reiterate its position regarding the protection of caribou and caribou habitat in the Nunavut Settlement Area:

The NWMB recognizes the need for economic development in the territory and is not against industrial development; however, there must be a balance between development and the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. After considering the available information from both Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and western science the NWMB has recommended that the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan prohibit industrial activities within identified caribou calving and post-calving grounds (a map depicting NWMB's position is attached), including key access corridors leading to and from the calving grounds, regardless of the area's mineral potential. Many of the key findings and recommendations from participants in the attached workshop report are in line with NWMB's position.

Also attached to this correspondence is: i) a literature review entitled "review of post 2010 literature on Human Effects on Barren-Ground Caribou"; ii) NWMB's March 2016 press release stating the Board's position on the protection of caribou and sensitive caribou habitat; and iii) the Board's April 19th 2016 letter to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAC). The Board's April 19th 2016 letter recommended to INAC a temporary moratorium on issuing claims, licenses and permits in identified caribou

calving grounds in Nunavut to permit time for co-management partners to determine appropriate protection for caribou.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to the NWMB's submission please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attached:

1. NWMB Workshop Report: "Protecting Caribou and their Habitat"
2. Review of post-2010 Literature on Human Effects on Barren-Ground Caribou: Focus on Traditional Knowledge, Western Science and Caribou Protection Measures
3. Press Release: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's Position on the Protection of Caribou and Sensitive Caribou Habitat
4. NWMB's April 19th 2016 Letter to INAC: Recommendation from the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board regarding a temporary moratorium on issuing permits, claims and leases within Nunavut's caribou calving grounds
5. Map of Caribou Calving and Post-calving Ranges in Nunavut