

renewable resources, inland water, marine areas, and wildlife within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The Commission is currently working with the public, Inuit and Community organizations, the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to complete the Plan by February 2011. We greatly value the leadership and active participation shown on this file by the Legislative Assembly and staff of the Government of Nunavut.

The Commission has had a number of reports developed to assist with understanding the land and resources in Nunavut. Enclosed for your information are the findings of our research initiatives.

One important component of the Plan remains outstanding. A map still needs to be developed that shows wildlife habitat that Inuit believe may require special management, as well as areas Inuit feel are important for hunting, fishing and trapping. This information is part of the traditional ecological knowledge component of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ), which is needed to enhance our understanding of Nunavut's land and resources and to reduce future resource development conflicts. To date, the Commission has been unsuccessful in securing the approximately \$600,000 in additional funding required to collect the Inuit knowledge that is missing. Despite this, our staff continues to seek out opportunities to complete the missing map with our limited resources. The Commission is concerned that the lack of additional funding may prevent the completion of the Plan in a timely manner.

The Commission is providing the enclosed reports to assist you with decision making and policy development in Nunavut. These reports and an interactive map are available on our newly updated website at nunavut.ca. Our interactive map allows users to prepare their own map to see for themselves the relationship between economic development, conservation, and Inuit use and occupancy activities in Nunavut.

If you have additional information that may enhance our understanding of Nunavut's land and resources or suggestions for securing additional funding to collect the missing IQ please contact Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director at 1-867-983-4625 sehaloak@nunavut.ca or Brian Aglukark, Director Regional Planning at 1-867-857-2242 aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Respectfully,



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