



## Athabasca Denesuliné Negotiation Team

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**Re: Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP)**

The Athabasca Denesuline (AD) have reviewed the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) dated June 2010 and have several issues and concerns.

We are pleased to see that you have included our Asserted Traditional Territory on the draft NLUP map. However our traditional land use (TLU) data, provided to the NPC in November 2009, is missing from the map "Goal 4: Building Healthy Communities".

As previously mentioned, the Athabasca Denesuline are extremely concerned about the protection of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou and their habitats. This issue was raised in our comments on the Priority Area Map in May 2010. While the draft plan indicates that "Appropriate departments are encouraged to identify measures to manage the land use in critical caribou habitat" this does not directly contribute to the protection of declining caribou herds. We urge the NPC to give serious consideration to the work of the BQCMB including their 2004 position paper "Protecting Calving Grounds, Post-Calving Areas and Other Important Habitats for Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou."

Finally, the Priority Area Map dated April 2010 presented important wildlife areas and conservation areas. Unfortunately most of them do not appear on the draft NLUP map. What is the status of these areas?

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the NPC draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and look forward to the next version of the map (and other aspects of the NPC planning process) that will address Athabasca Denesuline issues. We look forward to continuing work with you on this important initiative.

***c/o Prince Albert Grand Council***

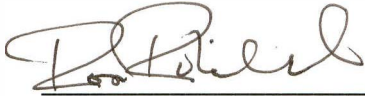
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Sincerely,

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