

Written Submission No. 25

2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Proposed Land Use Designation:

Community Area of Interest – Eclipse Sound Turbot Harvesting

To: The Nunavut Planning Commission

From: The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) of Pond Inlet

Background Information:

The community of Pond Inlet is actively developing a turbot fishery in Eclipse Sound. Protection of this resource will be important to maintain the health, culture and economy of the Inuit of Pond Inlet. Without protection of the community's turbot fishing area in Eclipse, the Nunavut Land Use Plan will fail in its goal to protect and promote the well-being of all of Nunavut's residents, a primary purpose of land use planning under Article 11 of the Nunavut Agreement.

Industrial development, especially oil and gas and seismic testing, would destroy the economic benefits of this resource to the Inuit of Pond Inlet. Such development must be prohibited.

Source of information: Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Proposed Designation: Protected Area

Proposed Restrictions:

Prohibited Uses: The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Seismic Testing; and
- Related research except Non-exploitive Scientific Research

Proposed Boundaries of the Community Area of Interest – Eclipse Sound Turbot Harvesting:

See the attached maps and the associated shp files.

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