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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Jonathan Savoy**  
**Senior Planner, Nunavut Planning Commission**  
**P.O. Box 2101, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, X0B 0C0**

**Dear Mr. Savoy:**

**Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board application for standing at the Nunavut Planning Commission public hearing on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Thank you for providing the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) with an opportunity to apply for standing at the Nunavut Planning Commission's public hearing on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the NWMB is a quasi-judicial tribunal with decision making responsibility, acting as the main instrument of wildlife management and the main regulator of access to wildlife in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NLCA Section 5.2.33). Among the NWMB's discretionary functions, the Board shall provide recommendations to the Nunavut Planning Commission with respect to planning in wildlife management zones and areas of high biological productivity (NLCA Section 5.2.34 (b)). Once approved, the Nunavut Land Use Plan will guide land use decisions across the territory, including those that could potentially impact sensitive wildlife habitats. As such, it is important, and in accordance with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, that the NWMB be given the opportunity to provide the Nunavut Planning Commission with recommendations during the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan public hearing process.

The draft Nunavut Land Use Plan includes land use designations to protect important wildlife habitat, including key migratory bird habitat sites, caribou habitat, polar bear denning areas, walrus haul-out sites and marine areas of importance. As a Board responsible for the management and protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat, the NVMB can provide the Nunavut Planning Commission with valuable information pertaining to these designations and other important Nunavut wildlife species. Therefore, the NVMB is requesting that its Chairperson, Mr. Ben Kovic, be granted standing at the Nunavut Planning Commission public hearing on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. Mr. Kovic can be contacted at the below coordinates:

**Ben Kovic**  
**Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**  
**P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0**  
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Mr. Kovic will be represented by NWMB Wildlife Management Biologist, Karla Letto, who can be contacted at the below coordinates:

Karla Letto  
Wildlife Management Biologist - Habitat and Species at Risk  
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The NWMB intends to participate in the technical meeting, pre-hearing conference and oral public hearing, and will be making a written submission to the hearing once the Nunavut Planning Commission releases further notice on procedural steps and timelines. Documents pertaining to the public hearing can be sent to Mr. Kovic and Ms. Letto by email. As an Institute of Public Government, the NWMB is requesting to receive documents in both Inuktitut and English.

Thank you for considering the NWMB's application for standing at the public hearing on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. We look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ben Kovic', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Kovic  
Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board