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**Re: Application for Participant Standing, Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Please accept this letter as a request of the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB) to be granted participant standing in matters relating to the public review of Nunavut Planning Commission's *2014 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan*.

The KWB is the Regional Wildlife Organization which oversees the exercise of Inuit harvesting in the Kivalliq, in collaboration with the region's Hunters and Trappers Organizations. As a Designated Inuit Organization part of the lands and resources management system established under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the KWB satisfies the *NPC Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Reviews*' definition of an "interested person" with respect to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The KWB has a direct, substantial interest in the planning of land uses in Nunavut, given that impacts on wildlife populations can potentially affect Inuit harvesters. In broad terms, the participation of the KWB would further the public review by ensuring that the issues and concerns of Kivalliq Inuit harvesters are voiced, and that they can legitimately be taken into account in decisions regarding the use of land in Nunavut. The KWB's participation would also assist in guaranteeing that the views and knowledge of Inuit are integral to that decision-making, and thereby contribute to the openness and fairness of the review process. The community-level insight of the KWB's members would be most beneficial to the finalization of a comprehensive, Nunavut-wide land use plan.

While the interests of Kivalliq Inuit harvesters cannot be reduced to a single wildlife-related issue, the KWB nonetheless intends to place particular emphasis in its interventions on:

- Land use in barren-ground caribou calving and post-calving grounds.



**Thanking you for your consideration,**

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