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**RE: Nivvialik Area Co-Management Committee Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Comments**

The Nivvialik ACMC is responsible for the Kuugaarjuk (McConnell River) Migratory Bird Sanctuary in the Kivalliq region. The Nivvialik ACMC, one of nine ACMCs in Nunavut, was created under the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement for Conservation Areas, which fulfils the government's obligation to ensure that Inuit benefit from the presence and operation of Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and National Wildlife Areas in Nunavut. The IIBA ensures that Inuit have a say in how these conservation areas are managed, and what happens in them. The ACMC is an advisory committee that is responsible for the day-to-day management of the conservation area. The main job of the ACMC is to make sure that Kuugaarjuk is well managed by advising the Canadian Wildlife Service, reviewing permits, and developing a management plan.

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Draft Plan, migratory bird sanctuaries are zoned “ECP-2” where the permitted activities are tourism, recreation, research. This zoning also states that no activities are explicitly prohibited.

The Nivvialik ACMC agrees with the permitted activities but would like to see the prohibited activities statement “All other activities are prohibited,” similar to what is stated for the ECP-1 zoning for National Wildlife Area.

The Kuugaarjuk (McConnell River) Migratory Bird Sanctuary is a sensitive area that is used by migratory birds during the nesting season as well as other species throughout the year. Kuugaarjuk is also very rich in cultural resources that need to be protected.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the Nivvialik ACMC Vice-Chair Donna Bigelow ([donna.bigelow@ec.gc.ca](mailto:donna.bigelow@ec.gc.ca)).

The Nivvialik ACMC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan and the Nunavut Planning Commission’s consideration of the recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Aglukark Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Aglukark Sr.  
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