

Master Comments from MMG

Comment ID	Organization Name	Date of Submission	Document Referenced	Section Referenced	Theme of submission or Location /ID# Referenced	Comment	NPC Response
MMG-01	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	2.1.2	Caribou Habitat	<p>PSE-R2 and PSE-R3. It is understood that Project Proposal concerning caribou calving ground and post calving areas will be dealt with through the regulatory process. This calls into play sections 68 and 69 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act as it relates to the implementation of the plan. MMG has no issue with this approach.</p> <p>Recommendation: Continue with recommendation approach for caribou habitat.</p>	The Plan has been revised to reflect feedback from residents and government. 80% of the NSA remains open to mining exploration and development. Nearly 6% of the NSA is exclusively for mineral exploration and development. The Plan does contain 15% protected area where mining is prohibited. These include core caribou calving and post calving areas, unique habitat for polar bear, walrus, whales and seals.
MMG-02	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	5.1.1	Mineral Exploration and Production	<p>MMG notes that only its mining interests are captured in the maps, but not its transportation infrastructure requirements (i.e., road and port) corridor interests. The entire proposed project and related interests (e.g., Hood, High Lake East, exploration interests and proposed port location) needs to be added.</p> <p>Recommendation: Add MMG's spatial data summarizing its interests in the Kitikmeot.</p>	The Land Use Designations have been changed. The DNLUP identifies transportation corridors that are for public use and are intended to be long term as opposed to be for temporary private use. For clarity, accessory uses that conform to the Plan include temporary uses such as winter roads, open water shipping and associated ports, staging and warehousing.
MMG-03	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	6	Marine Transportation Routes	<p>The current version of the Plan (2011/2012) does not recognize marine transportation routes including the NW Passage and community resupply routes. These should be recognized as part of the mixed use Chapter 6 and mapped accordingly. Noting the marine transportation route is crucial to bulk carriers, tourism, resupply, etc. Without noting these mixed use activities, all marine vessels transiting the NW Passage would have to receive a conformity ruling.</p> <p>Recommendation: Add the known shipping routes to the land use plan including the NW passage and community resupply routes.</p>	The DNLUP identifies transportation corridors that are for public use and are intended to be long term as opposed to be for temporary private use. The Plan does not determine "where" transportation corridors. Instead the Plan identifies where corridors "cannot" be established.
MMG-04	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	6	Land Transportation	<p>Known and potential land transportation corridors (e.g., BIPR, Tibbett to Contwoy to Winter Road) should be added to the proposed plan. These corridors have been proposed or are already currently in use.</p> <p>Recommendation: Add the known and potential land transportation corridors.</p>	The Land Use Designations have been changed. The DNLUP identifies transportation corridors that are for public use and are intended to be long term as opposed to be for temporary private use.
MMG-05	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	6	Mineral Deposits	<p>MMG notes that the plan does not yet include maps that capture areas of mineral potential. For transparency, these locations should be added to Chapter 6.</p> <p>Recommendation: Add in Chapter 6 those mineral potential areas that meet the requirements of areas of Mixed Use.</p>	AANDC has supplied areas of high mineral potential. These form an area which covers 6% of the NSA with an exclusive mineral use. Mining can occur in 80% of the NSA.
MMG-06	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	7.5 and 7.6	Monitoring Plan Implementation and	<p>The review period should be linked to the findings of 7.5 Monitoring Plan Implementation. There should be consideration for an annual audit and reporting function of the effectiveness of the Plan and Recommendations. This would provide the transparency necessary to determine if and when a Periodic Review is needed.</p> <p>Recommendation: Add an annual audit and reporting function on the effectiveness of the Plan and Recommendations. Add a statement as to who may ask for a review of the Plan.</p>	The Implementation Strategy section regarding Periodic Review and Monitoring has been revised to address the concern.
MMG-07	MMG	21/03/2014	DNLUP	5	Economic Opportunities	<p>MMG would like to ensure that economic opportunities and interests are fully represented in the plan in order to support well informed and balanced decision making. MMG recommends that the next version of the DNLUP expand on the Recommendations for Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 as follows: Recommendations and maps should include areas of high mineral potential and any mining projects in the Kitikmeot (e.g., the Izok Corridor Project is missing); and recommendations and maps should be included for existing and proposed transportation corridors (both land and marine routes).</p>	The information considered in the land use plan is outlined in the DNLUP. Please review the information that was considered in the decision. This information is available in the Options and Recommendations Document. As noted areas of high mineral potential are included in the Plan.