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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

RE: Shapefiles Associated with Written Submissions on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Thank you for the supplementary geographic information you provided on April 10, 2019 regarding earlier written submissions from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB). While the supplementary information you provided is helpful, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is not able to fully consider the important areas identified in your written submissions without access to the GIS shapefiles that were used to prepare the illustrative pdf maps. The NPC respects the need for protecting confidentiality of certain personal information that may have been obtained though the QWB's process to prepare the now publically available pdf submissions; however, we believe having access to the digital shapefiles that identify the boundaries of the areas with greater precision than the publically available pdf maps would not significantly increase concerns regarding confidentiality and would allow the NPC to fully consider the QWB's submissions.

For clarity, if QWB does not submit shapefiles of its identified areas by the deadline of May 17, 2019 it will be extremely difficult for the NPC to properly consider these submissions. **In effect, if QWB is not able to provide the shapefiles, it is very likely that none of the geographic information it has submitted will be reflected in a revised draft of the Nunavut Land Use Plan.** In addition, other participants have also requested copies of the shapefiles to assist in their analysis of the submissions. For reference, it is an internal procedure of the NPC to not redistribute geographic shapefiles or post them on our Public Registry. The NPC remains willing to negotiate a more formal data sharing agreement with QWB, and to ensure confidentiality of any material until such an agreement is finalized.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

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