



Whale Cove
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1. General Comments

The KWB supports the inclusion of Limited Use and Conditional Use areas dedicated to the conservation of wildlife in the 2021 DNLUP. The KWB appreciates that community input regarding caribou has been included in the 2021 DNLUP.

It is very important that harvesting grounds are protected for Inuit land use, and the inclusion of Community Areas of Interest is supported by the KWB. Some additional Community Areas of Interest around specific communities may need to be added based on input from each community.

The KWB has specific recommendations regarding 2021 DNLUP, which are addressed in the following section.

2. Specific Comments and Recommendations

2.1 Caribou Calving Areas (Section 2.2.1 in the 2021 DNLUP)

2.1.1.1 Comment

Caribou calving areas should be protected from exploration and industrial development. It is vitally important that certain areas are completely protected for the conservation of caribou. This is recognized by Inuit, Dene, Metis, Kivalliq HTOs, and many biologists (see KWB's 2017 Written Submission on the 2016 DNLUP). The incompatible uses listed in sections 2.2.1-1 and 2.2.1-2 are appropriate restrictions for caribou calving areas.

2.1.2 Recommendation(s)

- Maintain the caribou calving areas as Limited Use areas with the restrictions listed in 2.2.1-1 and 2.2.1-2.

2.1.3 Rationale

Inuit Elders and hunters widely recognize that calving grounds are critical habitat for caribou and many Inuit emphasize that calving grounds should be protected. This was recently emphasized by multiple HTOs during a series of workshop conducted by the KWB in Fall 2021. Restrictions against exploration and industrial development should exist in the calving grounds.

