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June 29, 2022

Mr. Andrew Nakashuk
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Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Re: Written submission on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

The NWMB would like to reiterate its position regarding the protection of caribou and caribou habitat in the Nunavut Settlement Area:

The NWMB recognizes the need for economic development in the territory and is not against industrial development; however, there must be a balance between development and the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitats. After considering the available information from both Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and western science, the NWMB has recommended that the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan prohibit industrial activities within identified caribou calving and post-calving grounds (a map depicting NWMB's position is attached), including key access corridors leading to and from the calving grounds, regardless of the area's mineral potential. Therefore, while the Board supports the designation of caribou calving grounds, post-calving areas, key access corridors, and fresh-water crossings as limited use, the Board does not support the designation of the Kivalliq-Manitoba linear infrastructure corridor as limited use. The proposed corridor traverses the calving ground, post-calving areas, and a key access corridor for the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd, which is currently the largest caribou herd in Nunavut.

The Board was pleased to see that the Nunavut Planning Commission engaged with communities further since the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Board recognizes that this input led to further important caribou habitats being identified and offered protection in the plan as Limited Use areas, or Conditional Use areas in the case of sea-ice crossings.

Attached to this correspondence is a Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) workshop report entitled *Protecting Caribou and their Habitat*. Many of the key findings and recommendations from participants in the attached workshop report are in line with NWMB's position. This workshop report provides detailed summaries of presentations delivered by

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participants at the NWMB's November 2015 workshop and the results of break-out group and plenary discussions. The workshop report also describes points of agreement among workshop participants, key findings and recommendations, and the next steps for the NWMB and its co-management partners to help manage and protect caribou and caribou habitat in Nunavut.

Also attached to this correspondence is:

- A literature review on Human Effects on Barren-Ground Caribou;
- Protecting Caribou and their Habitat Workshop Report;
- NWMB's March 2016 press release stating the Board's position on the protection of caribou and sensitive caribou habitat; and
- The Board's 2016 letter to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) requesting that CIRNAC implement a temporary moratorium on issuing claims, licenses and permits in identified caribou calving grounds in Nunavut to permit time for co-management partners to determine appropriate protection for caribou.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to the NWMB's submission, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board