

Nunavut Planning Commission

Written Submission on 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan



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Background and Objectives

The Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (KHTO) is mandated to voice the concerns of the hunters and trappers residing in the community of Rankin Inlet to ensure sustainable harvesting rights and priorities are protected and implemented as written in the Nunavut Agreement. The HTO would like to encourage the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) to protect wildlife and habitat that Inuit have depended on for Melania for sustenance and food security through the successful and timely implementation of the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

General Comments and Recommendations

The HTO would like to commend the hard work by the NPC to deliver the draft land use plan for Nunavummiut's comments and recommendation. The HTO recommends that more caribou habitat is protected at water crossings, pre-calving, calving and post calving grounds as known through Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and modern science. The Nunavut Land Use plan must also include activity limits, trigger mechanisms and mitigation measures during caribou migration in areas designated as conditional and mixed use. The Manitoba/Kivalliq Corridor must be planned and routed to ensure wildlife and habitat protection take precedence over economic priorities.

Specific Comments and Recommendations

The HTO specifically would like to see caribou water crossings as described in prior consultations protected and designated as limited use areas with no possibility for development in the foreseeable future. This includes protection from the construction of cabins and any form of development within a 10 km



radius of the water crossing. It is a known fact that caribou do and may change migration routes and calving grounds,. The NPC must ensure the development of any infrastructure between Manitoba and Nunavut prioritize wildlife and habitat protection over economic advantages this includes before, during and after construction. Mechanisms must be placed to protect caribou migration routes during the design, use and maintenance stages through Mobile Protection Measures.

Closing Remarks

The Kangiqliniq Hunter's & Trappers Organization trusts that The Nunavut Planning Commission is prioritizing habitat and wildlife protection throughout this process therefore protecting the livelihood, tradition and identity of the Inuit of Nunavut. The HTO thanks the NPC for this and other opportunities for comment and provide input by HTOs which represents the interest of the majority of Nunavut's growing population.

The Kangiqliniq HTO would also like to take this opportunity to state that the Kivalliq Inuit Association did not consult with the KHTO contrary to their claims during their presentation at the DNLUP Hearings in Rankin Inlet.