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Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Re: Reopening of Record for Written Submissions on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, 2016 (DNLUP 2016)

The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) greatly appreciates that the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is reopening written submissions on the DNLUP 2016. At the request of the 13 Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), the QWB has been working over the past year to develop a single regional package of written submissions to provide to the NPC.

During 2017-18, the QWB has held mapping workshops with all 13 HTOs and their selected local knowledgeable members. At these workshops, we discussed important areas that they identified and their values to each community, the types of designations, and possible land-use conditions. We also reviewed the designations and conditions proposed under the DNLUP 2016. We are currently developing written submissions on each type of designation. We also entering all areas into a GIS in order to provide the NPC with a database of shp files and maps. We are currently in a phase of sending the local project maps and applicable draft submissions back to each HTO for review and correction, if needed. All areas were identified by the HTOs based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

As you may appreciate, this is a huge project for the QWB, covering about half of Nunavut. The project is taking considerable time and effort by our limited staff and the HTOs. It has been a considerable financial investment by the QWB and the HTOs toward land use planning. GIS data entry has been slow and is on-going. Translations of all maps and draft documents have also been slow as our staff are working in English. As usual, the HTOs have been very busy throughout the summer and will probably continue to be involved in land, water and wildlife

management activities until late September. Responses to the local project packages are expected to be received and integrated into the regional package throughout the month of October.

In addition, there are several other major initiatives by several government departments and the NWMB that the QWB and HTOs must work on this autumn.

It has been our goal to present the regional draft submission package to the QWB's Annual General Meeting during November 17-19, 2018 to obtain approval (with amendments) to submit it to the NPC. QWB staff would then need some time to incorporate any amendments to the regional package.

In consideration of the above factors, the QWB respectfully requests that the NPC extends the deadline to submit additional written representations and evidence relating to the DNLUP 2016 until 5:00 PM Eastern time on November 30, 2018.

I thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


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