

**Written Submission No. 12**

**2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

**Proposed Land Use Designation:**

**Community Area of Interest –Muskox Harvesting**

**To:** The Nunavut Planning Commission

**From:** The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) of Grise Fiord

**Background Information:**

Muskoxen are critically important to maintain the health, culture and heritage of the Inuit of Grise Fiord. Without protection of the community's most accessible muskox harvesting areas, the Nunavut Land Use Plan will fail in its goal to protect and promote the well-being of all of Nunavut's residents as a primary purpose of land use planning under Article 11 of the Nunavut Agreement.

Due to rugged terrain, changing sea-ice conditions, and long seasonal periods with insufficient snow cover to travel inland, the Inuit of Grise Fiord rely on specific areas close to the community throughout the year in order to harvest muskoxen. These muskoxen provide food, skins and other resources, as well as enable Inuit to maintain family and cultural activities important to the community.

Industrial development in or near these areas would deter muskoxen from using them. Such development must be prohibited.

**Source of information:** Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

**Proposed Designation:** Protected Area

**Proposed Restrictions:**

**Prohibited Uses:** The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Mineral Exploration and Production;

- Obnoxious Land Use;
- Quarries;
- Hydro-electrical and related infrastructure;
- Linear Infrastructure; and
- Related research except Non-exploitive Scientific Research

**Proposed Boundaries of the Community Area of Interest – Muskox Harvesting:**

See the attached maps and the associated shp files.

**Date of this draft:** November 23, 2018

