

Written Submission No. 43

2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Proposed Amendments:

Table 1 and Schedule A:

Site # 18 - Key Bird Habitat Site – Belcher islands and

Site # 37 - Key Bird Habitat Site – Sleeper Islands

To: The Nunavut Planning Commission

From: The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and the Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) of Iqaluit

Background Information:

The protection measures and boundaries proposed for Sites 18 and 37 in the 2016 draft Nunavut Land Use Plan should be amended because as migratory bird sites they do not reflect the diversity of resources that are extremely important to the Inuit of Sanikiluaq, and because the protective measures are inadequate, especially for Site 18.

Source of information: Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Proposed Amended Boundaries of Sites 18 and 37:

1. Designate the Protected Areas as proposed by the QWB and the HTO of Sanikiluaq for the Sleeper and Belcher islands, as per the accompanying Written Submissions, and then
2. Remove overlapping parts of the QWB-HTO proposed designated protected areas from Sites 10 and 37.

Proposed Amended Restrictions (for the amended boundaries of Sites 18 and 37):

Prohibited Uses: The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Mineral Exploration and Production;
- Seismic testing;
- Disposal at sea;
- Quarries;
- Hydro-electrical and related infrastructure;
- Wind turbines for electrical generation and related infrastructure;
- Linear infrastructure;
- Related research except Non-Exploitive Scientific Research

Conditions:

- Regulatory Authorities, where appropriate, must incorporate the setbacks in Table 2 (as amended based on WS-13 from the QWB and member HTOs) for all seabirds, and coastal waterfowl and sea ducks during the issuance of permits, licences, and authorizations.

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