

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Sent by email to sehaloak@nunavut.ca

Re: Request to postpone responses to Submissions

Hello Andrew,

I am writing to respectfully request that NPC postpone its January 25, 2019 deadline for responses to written submissions provided by 11 parties, including the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board.

As you can appreciate, since filing our submission with your organization, QWB has received a number of requests from governments, organizations and businesses for the shapefiles connected to our submission. We have not released those files to any organization, as we do not yet have data sharing protocols and template agreements in place. We at QWB strongly believe that having data sharing protocols and agreements is necessary to protect the knowledge collected by QWB, in partnership with the 13 HTOs of this region.

The collected information is based on extensive travel and meetings conducted by QWB staff members, namely Michael Ferguson, with assistance by Jason Mikki, all 13 HTO Managers and Boards of Directors and their selected local experts. Many hours of workshops with questions, clarifications and sharing went into the information presented to NPC. While it is QWB's sincere aim to provide the essential results of these extensive processes to facilitate the important efforts of the NPC to develop a final Land Use Plan that equitability incorporates extensive Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we also have an important responsibility to safeguard the integrity of the IQ that our member HTOs shared. We take this responsibility very seriously.

While Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is recognized as important and necessary in public and policy discussions, its use and distribution has not been adequately formalized and developed to ensure that the knowledge of its various holders are adequately respected by all. In light of this, QWB is working with a law firm to develop data sharing protocols and agreements aimed to prevent this information from being manipulated, changed or misrepresented. This is new territory and a heavy responsibility for QWB; therefore, we are working as quickly and efficiently as we

In the meantime, we will contact the various parties that have requested the shapefiles. We will ask each of them to list the specific information that they wish to have in order for them to respond to each of QWB's submissions. This may allow QWB to potentially meet their needs by providing standardized supplementary information in PDF format. Depending on the nature and extent of information that may be requested, we will attempt to provide standardized supplements for our submissions by mid- to late February 2019. We have several other deadlines and meetings before the end of February and limited capacity.

IQ by its nature is a largely oral and interactive type of knowledge system. The depth of IQ's underlying foundational concepts and its extensive historical and recent empirical observations are not readily explained outside of interactive discussions with knowledge holders. As a result, it was not possible for QWB to anticipate all of the possible comments and questions that other parties may raise. As a result, the QWB wishes to have an opportunities to reply to the comments, questions and issues that the NPC may receive from other parties in response to QWB's submissions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am happy to continue this important conversation.

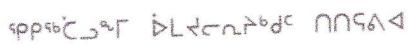
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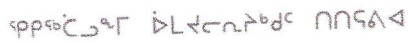
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