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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sharon,

Re: Isulijarnik Area Co-Management Committee Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Comments

First of all, thank you for providing the Isulijarnik Area Co-Management Committee (ACMC) for the Dewey Soper Migratory Bird Sanctuary with an opportunity to comment on the 2011/2012 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (Draft Plan). The Isulijarnik ACMC took part in the Nunavut Planning Commission consultations in Cape Dorset on January 14-15, 2013 and appreciates the opportunity to provide written input into the plan as it relates to the Dewey Soper Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

The Isulijarnik ACMC is responsible for the Dewey Soper Migratory Bird Sanctuary in the Qikiqtaaluk Region. The Isulijarnik ACMC, one of the nine ACMC's in Nunavut, which was created under the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for Conservation Areas, which fulfils the government's obligation to ensure the Inuit benefit from the presence and operation of Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and National Wildlife Areas in Nunavut. The IIBA ensures that Inuit have a say in how these conservation areas are managed, and what happens to them. The ACMC is an advisory committee that is responsible for the day-to-day management of the conservation area. The main job of the ACMC is to make sure that Dewey Soper is well managed by advising the Canadian Wildlife Service, reviewing permits, and developing a management plan.

The Dewey Soper Migratory Bird Sanctuary is a sensitive area that is used by migratory birds during the nesting season as well as other species throughout the year.

Comments from the members:

In the summary of the community meetings and on page 33 which shows the map, the community members have made a suggestion that # 38 states: "Bird Sanctuary should be extended as marked in the map on the south side of the border, the outside area contains lot of water fowl, ptarmigans, including sand hill cranes and birds that never were up here are starting to come (which some part is the DS MBS) AND # 40 states: "This area is full of fossils from the oceans and should be protected. The fossil extends to the hill far inland. This includes whale bones, fish bones and other mammal bones lot of fossilized bones and shells" which most of the area is on DS MBS. The Isulijarnik

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ACMC members are all in favor with the communities suggestion and are important areas to protect.

The Isulijarnik ACMC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan and the Nunavut Planning Commission's consideration of the recommendation.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the Isulijarnik ACMC Vice Chair Kathy Martha Padluq, email: [kmarttha.padluq@ec.gc.ca](mailto:kmarttha.padluq@ec.gc.ca).  
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