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Via email: jsavoy@nunavut.ca

Re: Request for Participant status during the Public Hearing process of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Mr. Kabloona;

The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) was established as an institution of public government with the signing of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA). The mandate of the NMRPC is to develop planning policies and priorities for the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR). The primary purpose of land use planning in the NMR is to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of those persons and communities resident in or using the NMR taking into account the interests of all Canadians. Special attention is devoted to protecting and promoting the existing and future well-being of the Nunavik Inuit and Nunavik Inuit Lands.

In order to help accomplish its mandate, the NMRPC would like to request participant status during the Public Hearing process of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan in order to further the collaboration process with the Nunavut Planning Commission in terms of co-management of the Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy.

Additionally, the NMRPC has commenced a Nunavik-wide use and occupancy mapping study (UOM) over the last few years. To date, all of the communities on the coast of the Ungava Bay and most of those in Hudson Strait have participated. The UOM study was initiated as part of addressing the need for obtaining up-to-date cultural data from Nunavik Inuit, the main users of the NMR. Over the next year, the UOM project will continue to collect important information in the remaining communities.

The NMRPC has also recently completed the initial version of a data compilation analysis report for the Nunavik region. The purpose of undertaking this work is to research and compile comprehensive information and data; these will be used as the basis for analysis and creation of a land use plan for the NMR.

Over the course of the compilation process, the NMRPC has endeavoured to collaborate on data-sharing activities with relevant stakeholders and as such, the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Public Hearing process provides the Commission with a unique opportunity to address their internal needs as well as coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions.

With this in mind, the NMRPC will be represented by their Chairperson Mr. Henry Alayco as well as their Regional Planner Mishal Naseer who will make an oral presentation and submission in Inuktitut and English.

The NMRPC would like to thank you for sending us regular notifications regarding the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and for granting us the opportunity to request participant status in your Public Hearing process.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Alayco".

Henry Alayco

Chairperson

Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission