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**Re: Application for Participant Standing, 2014 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Dear Ms. Ehaloak:

Please accept our letter requesting (KRWB) to be granted participant standing in matters relating to the public review of Nunavut Planning Commission's *2014 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan*.

The KRWB is the Regional Wildlife Organization oversees the exercise of Inuit harvesting in the Kitikmeot, in collaboration with the region's Hunters and Trappers Organizations. As a Designated Inuit Organization part of the lands and resources management system established under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the KRWB satisfies the *NPC Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Reviews*' definition of an "interested person" with respect to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The KRWB has a direct, substantial interest in the planning of land uses in Nunavut, given that impacts on wildlife populations can potentially affect Inuit harvesters. In broad terms, the participation of the KRWB would further the public review by ensuring that the issues and concerns of Kitikmeot Inuit are voiced, and that they can legitimately be taken into account in decisions regarding the use of land in Nunavut. The KRWB's participation would also assist in guaranteeing that the views and knowledge of Inuit are integral to that decision-making, and thereby contribute to the openness and fairness of the review process. The community-level insight of the KRWB's members would be most beneficial to the finalization of a comprehensive, Nunavut-wide land use plan.

While the wildlife-related interests of Kitikmeot Inuit harvesters cannot be reduced to a single issue, the KRWB nonetheless intends to place particular emphasis in its interventions on:



- Land use in barren-ground caribou, calving and post calving grounds.

To do so, the KRWB foresees making a complementary use of oral and written submissions, conveyed in either Inuktitut/Inuinnaqtun or English, or both.

Thanking you for your consideration,

**James Qitsualik**  
Acting chairperson