

Sent by email: sehaloak@nunavut.ca

Dear Ms. Ehaloak:

The QWB is the Regional Wildlife Organization which oversees the exercise of Inuit harvesting in the Qikiqtaaluk region, in collaboration with the related 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 QWB satisfies the *NPC Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Reviews*’ definition of an “interested person” with respect to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The QWB 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 QWB would further the public review by ensuring that the issues and concerns of Qikiqtaaluk Inuit are voiced, and that they can legitimately be taken into account in decisions regarding the use of land in Nunavut. The QWB'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 QWB's members would be most beneficial to the finalization of a comprehensive, Nunavut-wide land use plan.

While the wildlife-related interests of the Qikiqtaaluk region's Inuit harvesters cannot be reduced to a single issue, the QWB nonetheless intends to place particular emphasis in its interventions on:

Thanking you for your consideration,

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