Andrew Nakashuk A/Chair, Nunavut Planning Commission

October 20, 2015

RE: Nunavut Land Use Plan

Mr. Nakashuk,

Please accept the Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organizations' (HTO) submission for the Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Arviq HTO held a workshop with local hunters and Elders to help prepare our submission.

The Arviq HTO has three major recommendations. We would like our community land use area designated as protected, our community marine use areas designated as protected, and caribou calving and post calving grounds designated as protected.

The Naujaat area is one of the richest in wildlife in the Arctic. We have abundant caribou, fish, and marine mammals. This wildlife is the mainstay of our diet. Caribou is an important commercial resource, and we would like to develop a commercial fishery in our community. Wildlife habitat and hunting areas must be protected under the land use plan.

Thank you very much for considering our recommendations.

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Chair, Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization

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