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Subject: Response to GN's DOE recommendation of Bathurst Caribou Calving Grounds Protection

At our regular scheduled KHTO meeting, February 18, 2016 by Motion # 13/2016, the board does not support the GN DOE proposed letter for the Bathurst Caribou Calving Grounds submitted to the NPC Board.

The issue raised was only brought up the Kugluktuk HTO and not the “HTO’s” during the caribou meetings as mentioned in the request for our letter of support for GN’s recommendation to the NPC on Bathurst Caribou Calving grounds. This letter was submitted long before the HTO had a meeting on this letter of support from the GN DOE dept.

The Kugluktuk HTO’s version was to only have the Bathurst caribou calving grounds “protected by seasonal / restrictive activity” during peak calving/post calving seasons, as we had mentioned to Sabina GOLD/SILVER mines during their community visit to the KHTO on Feb 10., 2016.

Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization has always been pro-active with mineral activities, as Kugluktuk has a rich history with industry from the early 1940’s to current; the oil and gas boom’s, gold and diamond mining. Our past mining partnerships projects prove this with fish out projects with the diamond mines, traditional knowledge studies with Ekati mine, Bernard Harbour river restoration study project (current with Sabina), projects with Kitikmeot Inuit Association, list goes on...

That said, it is not in the interest of the Kugluktuk HTO to give a letter of support to the GN DOE recommendation to have a “prohibitive approach on activities” imposed on the Bathurst caribou calving grounds. Our recommendation as stated earlier was “seasonal / restrictive season” during peak/post caribou calving to help with the declining Bathurst caribou population from our side of the NWT / Nunavut border.

Regards,

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