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RE: DNLUP Designations in the zones of Equal Use and Occupancy

Dear Mr. Savoy:

As a follow up to our letter dated June 17, 2015, we would like to re-iterate that the current designation of Protected Areas in the zones of Equal Use and Occupancy may prejudice the rights of Nunavik Inuit and it is our opinion that the community consultations conducted in 2013 were insufficient, did not meet the consultative requirements of the NPC with regards to Nunavik Inuit, and the level of community engagement has remained low. We feel that there still remains some misunderstanding in the definition and limitations of Protected Areas in the communities visited. Furthermore, regarding the 2013 consultations, although there was an attempt to take Inukjuak representatives to the consultation in Ivujivik, the NPC did not hold direct community consultations in the communities of Inukjuak and Umiujaq, communities which are adjacent to Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy which are highly used by residents of the communities of Inukjuak and Umiujaq. With this in mind, we feel that the consultations for the DNLUP were inadequate and do not properly identify the community's interests.

As you may be aware the Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) is equally in the process of initiating the process to establish a Land Use Plan for the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR) including the Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy. In light of these facts, we would strongly urge the NPC to delay any designations in the areas of Equal Use and Occupancy until such time that the NMRPC conducts adequate community consultations in all relevant Nunavik and Nunavut Inuit communities in context of both the NPC land use plan and that to be developed by the NMRPC. This would ensure that there is some consistency between the land use plans in Nunavut and the adjacent plan in the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR). It is our view that at minimum, there must be some cohesion between these adjacent areas and designations and limitations would serve both planning processes.

We trust that the NPC will understand our significant concerns and be amenable to a delay in designation for the Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy alone. If such a delay is not possible,

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we would ask that the areas of Equal Use and Occupancy be designated as a Special Management Area which will provide flexibility until such time where the relevant and concerned communities can be adequately consulted to determine what future uses will be permitted.

We understand NTI and QIA also share the same concerns as Makivik Corporation and trust that either a delay in designating the areas of Equal Use and Occupancy, or a change in designation to a Special Management Area would be agreeable so that the concerned communities are adequately consulted to determine a designation that will suite both the needs and future aspirations of the Nunavut and Nunavik Inuit.

We look forward to hearing the decision taken by NPC regarding potential plan refinements in the areas of Equal Use and Occupancy.



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