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RE: Caribou calving grounds

I am writing in response to the letter posted in the Nunatsiak News on March 7, 2016 to the Members of the Legislative Assembly from Stanley Adjuk, President of the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, of which I am carbon copied. Although Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated is the Organization that is mandated with the administration of Article 5 (Wildlife) and Article 6 (Wildlife Compensation) which includes making submissions before the Nunavut Planning Commission regarding the protection of Caribou and Caribou Calving Grounds, the Kivalliq Inuit Association has in the past, and will continue to, make it a priority to protect all Wildlife in the Kivalliq Region.

The Kivalliq Inuit Association is also surprised by, and disappointed in, the Government of Nunavut's decision to reverse their position regarding the protection of Caribou Calving Grounds. The Kivalliq Inuit Association agrees with the Kivalliq Wildlife Board that the Core Caribou Calving Grounds must be protected. The Kivalliq Inuit Association is also of the view that protection of Caribou Water Crossing Areas and Caribou Migration Routes are essential in order to ensure Caribou sustainability. We have suggested this occur with a combination of full habitat protection (Protected Area status) within portions of the Core Calving Grounds (which we term Core Calving Areas), and Mobile Protection Measures (termed Mobile Caribou Conservation Measures) applied to areas within 25 km of the mapped Core areas. These Mobile Measures would allow case by case examination and regulation of potential exploration to ensure that caribou are not disturbed when most sensitive to disturbance. The Kivalliq Inuit Association, through its licensing regime, ensures that any development activity that may disturb Caribou Migration, Caribou Water Crossing Areas, or caribou while on Caribou Calving Grounds ceases and makes sure to strictly enforce the terms of the licenses it issues.

The Kivalliq Inuit Association supports a Mobile Protection Measure with a 25km buffer around Core Calving Areas and strict mandates on any IOL parcel. Core Calving grounds are important but equally important are Post Calving Migration Routes, and Caribou Water Crossing Areas, of which the Kivalliq Inuit Association has and will continue to stop any activities during that time. Mobile Measures can be applied to these and other seasonal caribou ranges.



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The Kivalliq Inuit Association has CLARC committees in each community which includes the HT, the Hamlet, Youth and an Elder that are consulted on any possible exploration that may happen around each community. The CLARC takes its role very seriously and they provide The Kivalliq Inuit Association guidance in regards to and make recommendations of approval for exploration each year.

In closing, the Kivalliq Inuit Association is willing to work with all organizations and governments to better protect our Wildlife in the Kivalliq Region and in Nunavut.

Sincerely,

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