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## KRWB Submission for Nunavut Land Use Plan Development

In the past couple of years, the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board has been very active in discussing caribou matters with a wide range of co management partners. We have also met with representatives from our member Hunters and Trappers Associations. We have consistently heard concerns about any mining/exploration that may occur on caribou calving grounds and water crossings. KRWB has heard that mining/exploration in these areas will not be supported by the HTO's and local communities. This position has been affirmed in discussions with elders. The KRWB recommends that mining/exploration be prohibited in caribou calving grounds and near caribou water crossings in the land use plan.

The KRWB also has huge concerns with ice-breaking vessels and other shipping vessels impacting caribou crossings on the Ocean ice. KRWB recommends that ice-breaking vessels and shipping vessels be restricted during freeze up from the end of the first week of October until the ice melts and breaks up the following summer at caribou sea ice crossings in the land use plan.<sup>1</sup>

We cannot emphasize enough that caribou calving grounds and water crossings need to be protected from development. Caribou is the main diet of the Inuit and the skin is used for clothing. Caribou are a vital part of Inuit culture and we wish to ensure Inuit have access to caribou for generations to come.

Thank you,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter to the Honorable Hunter A. Tootoo, PC MP