

KIA support for mobile protection measures for caribou.

Whereas, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) met at a duly constituted Board meeting on May 5, 2016, in Kugluktuk, Nunavut, and;

Whereas, caribou are an essential component of Inuit social and cultural identity, and KIA wants to conserve caribou populations for future generations, and;

Whereas, the KIA Board acknowledges that caribou populations have cycles of lower and higher numbers over history and this is possibly caused by several natural (disease, weather, predators, parasites, insects, habitat quality, etc...) and man-made factors (harvesting, harvest efficiency, and development), and;

Whereas, the KIA Board was updated by KIA technical staff on the current status of caribou calving ground protected areas to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), and;

Whereas, the KIA Board acknowledges that caribou calving grounds shift unpredictably on the mainland of the Kitikmeot Region, and;

Whereas, in addition to the NPC processes, there are other existing legal alternatives to NPC designated protected areas that are held by government, NWMB, and KIA that can establish more flexible and responsive protection measures for caribou, if they are needed, and;

Whereas, any protected area designation is inflexible to the natural changes in the caribou calving ground areas, and thus will protect areas, but not necessarily calving caribou, and;

Whereas, KIA rigorously reviews project proposals in the Kitikmeot region to protect caribou, and KIA includes these in its land tenures and recommendations to NIRB.

Now Therefore be it resolved:

- i. KIA supports reasonable mobile protective measures for concentrations of caribou, including calving caribou, wherever they may be, irrespective of the season.
- ii. KIA will lobby responsible agencies and proponents to bolster their investments in caribou monitoring, information sharing,

and enforcement in order to ensure caribou are appropriately protected.

- iii. KIA supports development of research initiatives geared to identifying adaptive management approaches that allow for the co-existence of caribou and development in the Kitikmeot Region.

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Disposition:

Carried

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