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Re: Protecting Caribou in Nunavut – Nunavut Land Use Planning

Mr. Kabloona;

Firstly, thank you for including Kivalliq Wildlife Board in your distribution list in the letters between Athabasca Denesuline Negotiation Team and Nunavut Planning Commission.

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board has been presented information from other RWOs, and the Department of Environment that caribou subpopulations are decreasing. With exploration and development underway in the Kivalliq region, the Kivalliq Wildlife Board is also concerned about caribou populations, calving and post calving habitat. It is evident that disturbance in caribou range and habitat have an impact on the caribou.

The protection of caribou calving and post-calving grounds are very crucial to the population of barren land caribou in the Kivalliq and Nunavut region from development and exploration. Inuit knowledge and scientific knowledge combined indicate that disturbance of caribou calving and post calving grounds and range from development/exploration activity may cause detrimental and long term impacts to caribou populations.

Kivalliq Wildlife Board is in support of Athabasca Denesuline Negotiation Team in protecting the habitat of caribou calving and post-calving grounds in all territories and provinces in which they roam. Two resolutions were passed in the Kivalliq Wildlife Board; a resolution in KWB's February 19-21, 2013 regular meeting and one more in KWB's Annual General Meeting dated October 28-31, 2013. Both resolutions were passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, I urge Nunavut Planning Commission to include protection of caribou range and habitat in the upcoming Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board and Kivalliq HTOs would also like to be included in reviewing the Final Land Use Plan to ensure protection of wildlife.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Leah M. Muckpah, Acting Liaison for Kivalliq Wildlife Board at kwb@niws.ca; or myself, Chairperson of Kivalliq Wildlife Board at rosstatty@gmail.com

Sincerely;

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