

Master Comments from Baker Lake HTO

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BLHTO-1	Baker Lake HTO	05/11/2013	DNLUP		Caribou	<p>A resolution was unanimously passed in the Kivalliq Wildlife Board dated February 19-21, 2013 to protect all calving and post calving grounds in Nunavut, supported by Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board. The board members as well as residents of Baker Lake oppose mining and exploring in the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq calving grounds. Inuit of Baker Lake have a unique inland culture. We rely mostly on caribou to sustain our inland culture and lifestyle. The mining/exploration already has an impact on caribou hunting culture and lifestyle.</p> <p>Baker Lake HTO is firmly and adamantly opposed to any and all mineral exploration and mining in caribou calving areas. Baker Lake HTO board of directors and the residents of Baker Lake are concerned about mining and exploration companies disturbing the caribou calving and post calving grounds.</p>	<p>The revised DNLUP addresses calving and post-calving areas. Areas where there is no mineral potential have been protected from development. This amounts to nearly 5% of the NSA. Areas where there is believed to be mineral potential or existing mineral rights the Plan proposes cumulative impacts referrals and other Terms to ensure only project proposals that have been screened for impacts will be able to proceed into the regulatory process. The Plan also prioritizes research that needs to be undertaken to better protect caribou. This approach has been taken to minimize fragmentation of caribou habitat.</p>