

areas around their communities they felt should receive special management under the NLUP.

- May 2009 - the NPC distributed our Cumulative Effects Referral Criteria Report and provided an update on the status of the NLUP Administration section.
- June 2009 – the NPC contacted the NLUP working group with specific questions and requests for information as a follow up to issues and priorities feedback.

The Commission continues to encourage the participation of the Regional Inuit Associations in the land use planning process. Over the past several months, the NPC has been soliciting guidance from government, NTI and RIA land managers on issues and priorities to be considered as part of the planning process. As this exercise will conclude at the end of October, we would be interested in learning if the KIA has additional data or information that would enhance our baseline knowledge. As well, if KIA has established region specific goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Lands that are not captured by 11.4.1(a), this information would also be useful.

NPC's collation of this information will be reviewed with technical panels in mid-January 2010. The panels will be reviewing maps showing areas of economic potential and areas of high conservation value in relation to Inuit land use and harvesting patterns. We are looking forward to the KIA's participation in those panels. The panels will be followed by three regional public hearings in the spring and public release of the Nunavut Land Use Plan in September 2010.

Please forward any additional information to Jonathan Savoy, Policy Analyst at jsavoy@nunavut.ca or to our Cambridge Bay office mailing address by October 30, 2009.

The Commission appreciates the support of the KIA during the development of the NLUP and we look forward to updating your Board of Directors in October 2009.

Respectfully,



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