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Re: Watersheds in the Nunavut Settlement Area

As you know, the Nunavut Planning Commission is currently developing the Nunavut Land Use Plan. We appreciate the support of the other IPGs in this important process, and look forward to your continued involvement.

The management of community water supply watersheds is one issue that will be addressed by the Plan. We have delineated the watersheds for all community water supplies using the best available information. Most of the watersheds cover a manageable area, but those of Baker Lake and Kugluktuk (the Thelon and Coppermine Rivers) are vast, in comparison.

It is not feasible to manage the entire watersheds for these two rivers in the same way as the other community water supplies. We request your input on an appropriate size for the management of these two watersheds. Is there an appropriate distance from the water intake location, beyond which the watersheds of these two rivers do not need to be managed in the same way as the other community water supplies?

It would also be helpful if you could identify specific land uses you feel should be restricted near municipal watersheds, and what appropriate setbacks for these uses may be.

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As well, please let us know if there are other watersheds within the Nunavut Settlement Area that you feel may require special management. If there are, please provide any suggestions for the management of those watersheds, including the identification of any specific land uses that should be restricted.

We would appreciate your feedback on these issues by April 23, 2010. Thank you very much for your commitment to the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Respectfully,

Ron Roach, Chair

Nunavut Planning Commission

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