



July 13, 2011

Mr. David Akeeagok  
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**Re: Information Sharing Agreement**

Dear David,

In response to your June 27, 2011 letter regarding data sharing please find below the additional clarity you had requested.

**1. Maintenance of Information**

Information is considered public for the purposes of being displayed in and used for analysis in the land use plan. It will not be made readily available for download. Public information requests will be referred back to original data holders.

b) As stated above, information is considered public for the purposes of being displayed in and used for analysis in the land use plan. It will not be made readily available for download. Public information requests will be referred back to original data holders.

**2. Requests for Information by the Commission**

There may be known limitations on the data such as scale at which it was collected, context within which a given set of data has meaning. This is not to be confused with a restraint, but guidance on proper meaning of the information. For instance, if collaring data has been turned into polygons, and only reflects the movements of a few individuals, it should be stated as such. If interview information was collected using 1:1,000,000 scale mapping then this should be stated so the scale limits of the data clear.

**b) Directive 2.2.2**

This simply means that information provided to the NPC should be consistent with the issues and priorities communicated by the data provider. Although useful to fulfill the mandates of other organizations, there is potential for a large amount of information to be provided which could not be useful for land use planning. (Eg raw individual collaring data?). Partial datasets, or

those without a GIS component, also present challenges. If the data is consistent with issues and priorities that have been identified, is complete, and in a usable format, then that information can be more effectively fed into an option based land use plan.

### 3. Provision and Use of Information

#### a) Directive 3.2

Modification, as defined in the directive, means any enhancement, update, summary, or alteration of any kind of the Information, in any medium. The language here is very clear. In 3.2, the NPC will not modify the Information in any way which has the effect of changing the meaning of the Information. In 3.3, any modification will be noted within the document that it appears. The NPC does not intend to notify the data provider every time the data is modified, as defined above.

#### Disposal of outdated data.

The NPC will archive data that feeds into a planning process at any given time so that the context of the decisions can be properly maintained. Outdated or compromised data will not be destroyed or updated in archived folders, since this would cause the loss of the original environment in which decisions were made.

Respectfully



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