Qikiqtaaluk Regional Wildlife Priorities (2026–2029)

ᕿᑭᖅᑖᓗᒃ ᐆᒪᔪᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑕᐅᕐᑯᔭᐃᑦ (2026–2029)

#1 Wildlife Priorities **ᓯᕗᓪᓖᑦ 1 ᐆᒪᔪᐃᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑎᕐᑯᔭᑦ**	
1A	Impacts of mining, other industries, and development on species movement ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐅᔭᕋᑦᑕᕐᑏᑦ, ᐊᓯᖏᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᐊᑦ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐱᕙᓪᓕᐊᔭᐅᓂᖏᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᑦ ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᑕ
1B	Ringed Seals: Health monitoring studies, including parasites and impacts on human health ᓇᑦᓲᑦ: ᖃᓂᐃᒻᒪᖔᑕ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᑕᑦ ᐃᓚᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᖁᐱᒃᑭᐃᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ
1C	Caribou: Population monitoring, abundance, and herd movements (including use of collars or trap cameras) ᑐᒃᑐᐃᑦ: ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᓂᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᖅ, ᖃᑦᓯᐃᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᑎᒻᒪᔪᑦ ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ (ᐃᓚᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᑐᕐᓂᖅ ᖁᖓᓯᕈᕐᓂᒃ ᐅᕝᕙᓘᓐᓃᑦ ᕿᓂᕈᑏᑦ ᐊᔾᔨᓂᐅᕈᑏᑦ
1D	Ballast water: Impacts of ballast on marine environments, including the use of additives or other contaminants ᐅᕙᔾᔭᐃᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᖅ: ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐅᕙᔾᔭᐃᒃᑯᑏᑦ ᑕᕆᐅᑉ ᐊᕙᑖᓂᒃ, ᐃᓚᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᑐᕐᓂᖅ ᐃᓚᒋᐊᕈᑎᓂᒃ ᐅᕝᕙᓘᓐᓃᑦ ᐊᓯᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᓱᕋᓇᕐᑐᓂᒃ
1E	Community structure and abundance of benthic species ᓄᓇᓖᑦ ᐋᕿᓱᕐᓯᒪᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᖃᖓᓂ ᐆᒪᔪᑦ
1F	Understanding char movements, population, and abundance ᑐᑭᓯᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᖅ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐲᑦ ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᓂᒃ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ

#2 Wildlife Priorities **ᑐᒡᓕᖏᑦ 2 ᐆᒪᔪᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑎᕐᑯᔭᑦ**	
2A	Impacts of poaching on caribou populations ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐱᕋᔭᑦᑐᓂ ᐱᔭᖏᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑐᒃᑐᐃᑦ
2B	Harbour and harp seals: Impact on the Arctic char population and movement ᖃᓯᒋᐊᑦ: ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᖃᐊᓗᒃᐱᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ
2C	Bearded seals: Health and abundance ᐅᒡᔪᐃᑦ: ᖃᓄᐃᓐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᑦᓯᐃᓂᖏᑦ

2D	Baseline studies prior to industrial development to understand population, abundance, and contaminant levels ᐱᒋᐊᕈᑏᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᓯᕗᓂᐊᒍᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᔾᕕᒃᔪᐊᑦ ᐱᕙᓪᓕᐊᔭᐅᓂᖏᑕ ᑐᑭᓯᒐᓱᐊᕐᓗᒋᑦ ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᑦ, ᖃᑦᓱᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓱᕋᓐᓇᕐᑐᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᑦ
2E	Foxe Basin Beluga: population structure, movement and distribution, including winter distribution in Hudson Strait ᐊᒥᑦᑐᖅᒥ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓕᖓᓂᖏᑦ, ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᓚᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᐅᑭᐅᒃᑯᑦ ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᑭᕋᔾᔪᖓᖅᒥ
2F	Impacts of dust on local wildlife, vegetation, and habitat ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐳᔪᕐᓗᐃᑦ ᓄᓇᒥ ᐆᒪᔪᕐᓂᒃ, ᐱᕈᕐᑐᓂᒃ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᔪᒐᕐᓂᒃ

#3 Wildlife Priorities ᐱᖓᔪᒋᔭᐅᔪᑦ 3 ᐆᒪᔪᐃᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑎᕐᑯᔭᑦ
3A	Understand narwhal stock delineation, movement, distribution, and abundance ᑐᑭᓯᒪᓂᖅ ᐊᓪᓚᒐᖑᐊᓂᒃ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᓃᖔᕐᑐᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓕᖓᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᓂᐅᖏᓐᓂᒃ
3B	Monitor the changes in walrus behaviour ᖃᐅᔨᒪᒐᓱᐊᕐᑐᒋᑦ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᕐᑐᑦ ᐊᐃᕖᑦ ᐃᓕᕐᑯᓯᖏᓐᓂ
3C	Cumberland Sound Belugas: Stock structure and delineation, harvest reporting, movement and distribution ᐸᓐᓂᕐᑑᖅ ᑲᖏᕐᑐᐊᓗᐊᓂ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃᑦ: ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᓃᖔᕐᑐᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᑦᑑᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᑦ, ᐊᖑᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᑕᐅᓂᖏᑦ, ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᑦ
3D	Harp seals: Abundance studies ᖃᐃᕈᓖᑦ: ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᓃᑦ
3E	Monitor bird populations, health, disease and contamination ᖃᐅᔨᒪᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᖅ ᑎᒻᒥᐊᓂᒃ ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᓂᒃ, ᖃᓄᐃᓐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᖁᐱᒃᕈᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓱᕋᓐᓇᕐᑐᓂᒃ
3F	Fish: Map freshwater and marine currents ᓄᓇᖑᐊᒧᕐᓗᒋᑦ ᑕᕆᐅᖑᖏᑦᑐᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑕᕆᐅᕐᒥ ᐃᖏᒃᕋᓃᑦ

#4 Wildlife Priorities ᓯᑕᒪᖓᑦ 4 ᐆᒪᔪᐃᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑎᕐᑯᔭᑦ
4A	Identify landlocked char waterbodies

	ᓇᓗᓇᐃᔭᕐᓗᒋᑦ ᑎᓯᔪᐃᑦᑐᑦ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᑦ ᑕᓯᕐᓂ
4B	Habitat regeneration in and around mining development ᓇᔪᒐᐃᑦ ᐱᐅᙱᓕᕙᓪᓕᐊᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᓂᒋᔭᖓᓂ ᐅᔭᕋᑦᑕᕐᑏᑦ ᐱᕙᓪᓕᐊᓂᖏᑕ
4C	Ross Goose: Monitor population and migration route change, especially in Kinngait ᑲᖑᕋᓚᓂᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᖅ ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑎᒻᒥᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᕐᑯᑎᖏᑕ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᕐᓂᖏᑦ, ᐱᓗᐊᕐᑐᒥ ᑭᙵᕐᓂ
4D	Understand marine mammal predator abundance, movements, habitat and behaviour ᑐᑭᓯᒪᓂᖅ ᑕᕆᐅᕐᒥ ᐳᐃᔨᓂᒃ ᐆᒪᔪᑉᑐᕐᑏᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓅᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓇᔪᒐᕐᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐃᓕᕐᑯᓯᖏᓐᓂᒃ
4E	Impacts of wildfires and smoke on wildlife ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᐅᖏᑦ ᓇᐹᕐᑐᐃᑦ ᐃᑯᐊᓚᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐱᔪᖅ ᐆᒪᔪᕐᓂᒃ

#5 Wildlife Priorities ᑕᓪᓕᒪᖏᑦ 5 ᐆᒪᔪᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᐅᑎᕐᑯᔭᑦ	
5A	Birds: Monitor alien or unusual species in Nunavut ᑎᒻᒥᐊᑦ: ᖃᐅᔨᒪᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᖅ ᑕᒫᓂᒥᐅᖑᙱᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᐅᕝᕙᓘᓐᓃᑦ ᐱᑕᖃᕋᔪᐃᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᐆᒪᔪᑉᓂᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᑦᒥ
5B	Impacts of increased shipping and distribution of different walrus types in Foxe Basin (e.g. behaviour, ecology, physiological, etc.), particularly Naujaat, Sanirajak, South Baffin, and Steensby types ᐊᑦᑐᐃᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᕐᐸᓪᓕᐊᔪᒃᑦ ᐅᒥᐊᕐᔪᐊᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᔾᔨᒌᙱᑦᑐᑦ ᐊᐃᕖᑦ ᐊᒥᑦᑐᖅᒥ (ᓱᕐᓗ ᐃᓕᕐᑯᓯᖏᑦ, ᐊᕙᑖᓂ, ᖃᓄᐃᓕᖓᓂᖏᑦ, ᐊᓯᖏᓪ), ᐱᓗᐊᕐᑐᒥ ᓇᐃᔫᓂ, ᓴᓂᕋᔭᒃᒥ, ᓂᒋᐊᓂ ᕿᑭᖅᑖᓗ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᖏᕐᑐᕈᓗᒃᒥ ᐱᑕᖃᕐᑐᑦ
5C	South Baffin walrus: Investigate abundance, stock structure, and habitat use ᓂᒋᐊᓂ ᕿᑭᖅᑖᓗᒃ ᐊᐃᕖᑦ: ᖃᐅᔨᒪᓯᐊᕐᓗᒋᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᓃᖕᒐᕐᑐᑦ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᔪᒐᕐᓂᒃ ᐊᑐᕐᓂᖏᑦ
5D	Marine shipping: Introduction of invasive species ᑕᕆᐅᒃᑯᑦ ᐅᒥᐊᕐᔪᐊᑦ: ᖃᐅᔨᒃᑲᐅᔾᔨᓂᖏᑦ ᐸᒡᕕᓇᕐᑐᓂᒃ ᐆᒪᔪᕐᓂᒃ
5E	Wolf abundance and management studies ᐊᒪᕈᐃᑦ ᖃᓄᐃᓪᓗᐊᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᓯᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕈᑏᑦ