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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Igaluit, NU. XOA 0H0

April, 28, 2015

Canadian Wildlife Service, Igaluit, NU.

Re: Written submission for public hearing concerning the listing of wolverine as special concern

Arviq Hunters & Trappers Organization had met on April 28, 2015 and your correspondence regarding wolverine wanting to list them as species of Special Concern under the federal Species at Risk Act was seen.

We decide to give support for listing wolverines as special concerns ONLY for southern part of the range and by being said in the written submission to the NWMB they are increasingly fragmented by industrial activity.

Please make a wise decision also this is our opportunity to say what we are experiencing in our area for our traditional way of life therefore by saying we do not have any worries and either losing any numbers and knowing forest fires make animals to relocate, they go where it's safe for their beings. The couple interviews were answered is for our main land area.

Please accept our point of view in regards to this powerful animal.

Sincerely,

David Tuktudjuk, Vice Chairperson

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NWMB requested IQ submissions from hunters and elders who are willing to share their knowledge on wolverines.

Here are the several question that you gave us that were answered, the answers are based on our main land to help you to make your decision:

- 1) For sure we have more wolverines in our area we are seeing more tracks in our area.
- 2) As it was mentions on the first question we are tracking more tracks during the spring.
- 3) Wolverines are being seen far and near from our community.
- 4) We have heard stories about wolverines eating stored meat and they are good at breaking into cages looking for meat.
- 5) The usual way of hunting them is following the tracks and trapping them.
- 6) The wolverines are usually at rocky areas to where they can hide and also in their dens.
- 7) The interviewees think the wolverines should not be listed in the Special Concerns for our northern area and they do not have interest for the southern part or the range.

These are the answer I received from one elder and two hunters.

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