

SUBMISSION TO THE

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

FOR

Information: Decision: X

Issue: Approval of the Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area Management Plan

Background:

- The Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area, located approximately 100km southeast of Clyde River, NU was established in 2010. As required by the Nunavut Agreement, an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the Nunavut Settlement Area (IIBA) was first concluded in 2006 and renegotiated in 2016. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the three Regional Inuit Associations, and the federal Minister of the Environment (Environment and Climate Change Canada) signed the IIBA. The IIBA created co-management committees for these protected areas in Nunavut.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada and Inuit from Clyde River co-manage the Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area (NWA) through the Ninginganiq Area Co-Management Committee (ACMC).
- Part of the Ninginganiq ACMC's mandate is to write a management plan for the NWA (IIBA s.3.2.3(b) and 3.5). The Ninginganiq ACMC completed a draft management plan and consulted with the community of Clyde River and other interested parties on the drafts (IIBA s.3.5.6).
- The Ninginganiq ACMC hereby recommends the Ninginganiq NWA management plan to the NWMB for approval, in accordance with the NWMB's decision-making role for Conservation Area management plans (IIBA s.3.6.1).

Current Status:

 Comments received through consultation on the draft Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan have been addressed and the final plan is now ready for consideration for approval by the NWMB.

Consultation:

- From November 2019-January 2020, the draft management plan was sent
 electronically to several potentially interested parties for comment (see attached list).
 Parties were invited to attend a community meeting in Clyde River, NU on Feb. 10,
 2020 and encouraged to reach out to the ACMC Vice-Chair if they had questions about
 how to submit their comments.
- The ACMC held a community meeting in Clyde River, NU on Feb.10, 2020 to present the content of the draft Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan, answer questions about the plan, and receive comments from the community members/organizations in attendance.
- E-mail reminders were sent to any organizations that had not yet provided comments on the plan on February 17, 2020.

Recommendation:

The Ninginganiq ACMC recommends that the NWMB approve the Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan.

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Attachments:

- 1. Document "Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan"
- 2. Presentation: "Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area- Management Plan for NWMB Approval"
- Document "2016 to 2023 Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the Nunavut Settlement Area"
- 4. Document "Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan Review Comments and Consultation Record"