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Chairman
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SENT BY EMAIL

Attention: Jason Akearok
Executive Director, NWMB

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RE: Environment and Climate Change Canada (“ECCC”) Request for Status Change for Dolphin and Union Caribou under *Species at Risk Act* (“SARA”)

Cambridge Bay
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Dear Sir,

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (“KIA”) writes to oppose the decision requested of NWMB by ECCC to “uplist” Dolphin and Union (“DU”) caribou from threatened to endangered status under SARA. KIA is the Designated Inuit Organization representing all Kitikmeot Inuit beneficiaries of the Nunavut Agreement.

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The conservation of DU caribou is of utmost importance to KIA and Kitikmeot Inuit. These caribou are essential for the food security of western Kitikmeot Inuit. We realize that ECCC caribou management efforts were affected by the COVID pandemic. But it is also clear that consultation efforts and the collection and incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (“IQ”) related to DU caribou into this decision were adversely affected during the pandemic. In KIA’s view the requested decision should be delayed until Inuit harvesters’ IQ and concerns can be more comprehensively integrated into this decision.

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KIA appreciates the opportunity to provide its views on this requested decision to the NWMB.

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Yours truly,

Stanley Anablak
President, Kitikmeot Inuit Association