



Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board

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BQCMB Support for Baker Lake HTO's Concerns re: Kiggavik Project Proposal

On behalf of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB), I am writing to express the Board's support for the concerns raised by the Baker Lake HTO regarding AREVA's Kiggavik Project proposal, as explained in the HTO's letters sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in April 2014 and to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board in October 2014. The BQCMB reviewed these letters at our November 2014 board meeting and developed two resolutions of support, which are attached to this letter.

We apologize for not providing this formal indication of the BQCMB's support sooner. If you have any questions please contact the coordinator of BQCMB participation in the Kiggavik review, Leslie Wakelyn, at wakelyn@theedge.ca or the BQCMB Executive Director, Ross Thompson, at rossthompson@mymts.net.

Sincerely,

Earl Evans
BQCMB Chairperson

Attachment

cc. Ryan Barry, Executive Director, NIRB

Attachment. BQCMB motions in support of Baker Lake HTO concerns re: Kiggavik Project (20 November 2014) from draft minutes of fall 2014 Board meeting.

Re: Lack of Project Start Date

Whereas AREVA does not specify a start date for construction and operation of their proposed uranium development and states that the start date will be determined by “viable future markets”; and

Whereas environmental variables and cumulative effects of the Kiggavik Uranium Development will change if the development occurs at some indeterminate time in the future, making impact statements and assessments irrelevant;

Therefore the BQCMB shares the concerns of the Baker Lake HTO about this issue as expressed in their letter of October 17 2014 to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board.

Moved by D. Hedman; Seconded by D. Larocque. Carried

Re: Conditions for Possible Baker Lake Support of Project

Whereas the BQCMB held a workshop with the Baker Lake HTO as part of its commitment under participant funding for NIRB’s review of AREVA’s Kiggavik Mine Proposal and heard the HTO’s concerns;

It is therefore resolved that: The BQCMB endorses the following conditions outlined by the Baker Lake HTO which must be met for it to consider supporting AREVA’s Kiggavik Uranium Mine Proposal and that were submitted to AREVA, the NIRB and other organizations in April 2014:

1. Mining and exploration is banned in caribou calving and post-calving grounds under the new Nunavut Land Use Plan.
3. The Government of Nunavut finalizes an implementation plan for the caribou strategy framework that satisfies the Baker Lake HTO.
4. Areva must commit to the following conditions:
 - a. Contract the HTO to monitor caribou and other wildlife along all roads and near the mine site. Areva will provide funding to the HTO to operate an independent wildlife monitoring program.
 - b. Provide funding to the HTO to hire additional staff, to ensure the HTO has the capacity to deal with monitoring reports, future exploration/mining proposals, etc.
 - c. Cease operations when caribou migrate through the area (including mine operations, access roads and air traffic).

d. Suppress (sic) dust on all roads.

e. Provide funding to Government of Nunavut Department of Environment to undertake aerial population counts and surveys of the calving grounds of all affected caribou herds during the mine's operation.

5. Baker Lake HTO must be involved in mine inspections. Inspections must be random, without prior notice given to Areva.

The BQCMB also supports condition #2, "Mining and exploration is banned in areas of cultural importance to the Inuit of Baker Lake, to be selected by the HTO.", but believes that this condition is outside the Board's mandate for conservation and management of caribou.

Moved by A. Ishalook; Seconded by T. Trottier. Carried