

**Application for a variance under
the Caribou Protection Measures**

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Maze Lake Project
Kivalliq District, Nunavut

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Activities Description and Mitigation Measures:

1- Equipment hauling- by air

Date: July 1 to July 15

Description: Hauling of camp equipment, fuel drums and drill equipment using helicopter and fixed-wing aircrafts to existing camp at south end of property (Figure 1 – “CAMP”).

Protection: At least three different airstrips are available in the Maze Lake area so landing location can be selected to avoid areas where caribous are present. If avoidance is impossible, hauling would be suspended.

2- Camp opening/building

Date: July 1 to July 15

Description: Setting up new tents, new sumps and latrine pits, getting camp ready for summer at south end of property (Figure 1 – “CAMP”). If existing fuel cache quality has expired for helicopter use and new fuel must be brought in, a new camp and fuel cache may be established in the north end of the property (Figure 1 – “POTENTIAL NEW CAMP” and “POTENTIAL NORTHERN FUEL CACHE”.)

Protection: Camp opening will proceed only if caribou cows are not present close to the camp site. If cows and calves or migrating caribous were to come close to camp area after opening, noisy activities would be suspended and personnel movement limited to the immediate vicinity of camp. No all-terrain vehicles will be present on site.

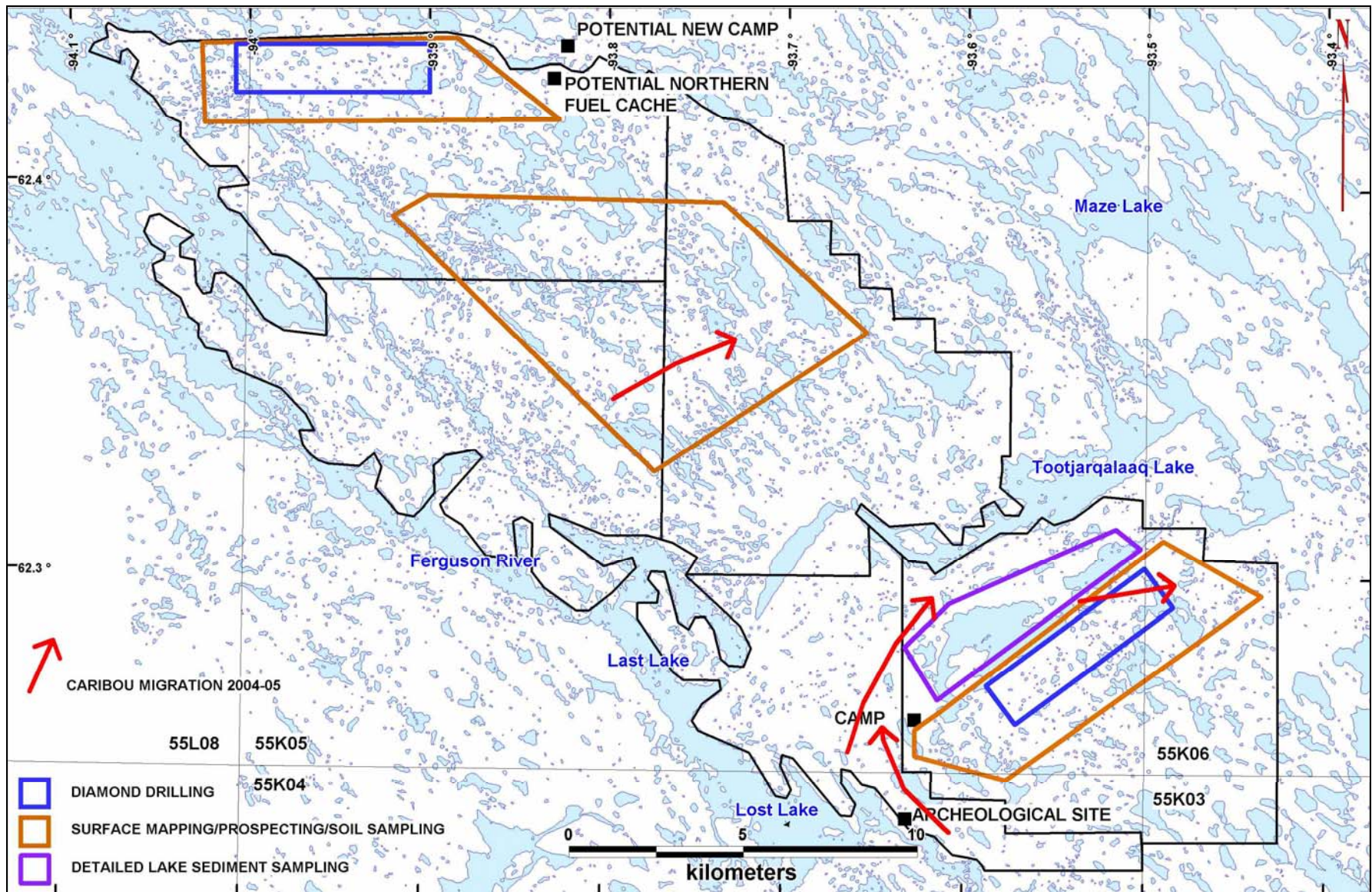


Figure 1 - Known Caribou Migration 2003-05