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RE: PATROL TRIP DIAMONDS NORTH CAMP.

First of all I would like to thank Charlie Niptayuk for taking the time to guide me to the camp which is set up approximately 35 miles south of Kugaaruk. The location of the camp is in the area of N68°12,508-W90°00,014 Inuktitut name *ᑭᓄᓐᓇᓯᓄᓐ* Norahioqviq (river) harvesting of caribou calves.
Caribou migration route, and Calving area.

The storage of all fuel and other Products is not stored properly not only that some of the drums are not mark as to what is in the drums.

If a spill happens the first area it will go is to the river which has fish according to the Inuk knowledge from the people of Kugaaruk.

The base camp is in a very wet area which is another problem to the wildlife in heavy rain it will drain to both the river and the lake which also has fish.

Drums stored near the base camp same problem wet area, and some are not clear marked.

Aircraft fuel stored too close to the lake, and not properly stored.

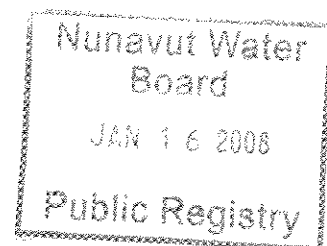
Artifacts stored under cabins.

Garbage not properly stored in a waste drum, and not seal at all.

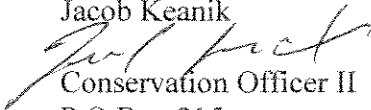
This camp is in the area which hunters from Kugaaruk go for fish, geese, eggs, and caribou for their country food.

Once Kugaaruk get its full time conservation officer the camp will have to be patrol regularly during the operation which start in the early spring of 2008.

I would like for your Kugaaruk HTO members to request for assistance in monitoring this camp from other Departments, and agencies once the camp is open.



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