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APPENDIX

Nattivak Hunters & Trappers Organization Letter

David Iqaqrialu's Comments

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QIA CLARC Meeting request, CLARC Meeting Minutes Pond Inlet & Qikiqtarjuaq

(Note: Non-seismic CLARC meeting minutes have been removed & member names)

QIA Environmental & Regulatory Affairs Advisor, Public Meeting notes Pond Inlet and Clyde River



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June 8, 2011

Dear Mr. ECKALOOK;

RE:

SEISMIC SURVEY

RPS ENERGY

BAFFIN BAY, NUNAVUT

This letter is in response to the seismic survey proposed to take place this summer on Baffin Bay.

The Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization on behalf of it's membership and the residents of Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut is not in favor on supporting the proposed seismic survey to be conducted by RPS Energy this summer on Baffin Bay.

According to information provided, the previous seismic surveys conducted in Baffin Bay had negative impact on the marine mammals especially beluga and this concern results to the narwhal population and an area of interest is the wintering area for the multiple narwhal population.

And according to the Inuit Qaujimajatugangit (Inuit Traditional Knowledge) the area of interest also has marine mammals such as killer whales, bow-head whales, walruses, multiple fish species, polar bears and multiple migratory birds migrates to north during spring and migrates back during fall each year.

The area of interest provides country foods to both countries of Greenland and Canada and country food provides nutritious food for the families in both countries. Should the Qikiqtaani Inuit Association require further feed-back from the community of Qikiqtarjuaq, I would suggest that a letter should be submitted as soon as appropriate prior to the consideration on issuance of such permit from the federal government.

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By a copy of this letter to appropriate agencies involved and the stakeholders, we are distributing copies informing them of the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers position in relation to the propose seismic survey.

Sincerely,

Samuel Nuqingaq

Chairperson

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Mayor, Municipality of Pangnirtung, Nunavut Mayor, Municipality of Clyde River, Nunavut

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Mayor, City of Iqaluit, Nunavut

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Re: David Iqaqrialu's Comments
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This is also submitted to Nunavut Government, Nunavut Impact Review Board, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavut Water Board in order for these to come into effect.

I am forwarding this letter to this organization in regards to the mineral and oil & gas exploration that takes place and other studies that are done on wildlife on this barren environment in the Arctic including Government of Nunavut.

As Clyde River residents it is not useful for us, they cannot work with us and they do not inform us when activities are going to take place. We are starting to realize as northerners that commercial companies are interested and we will establish an environmental group in Clyde River in order for Clyde River to start receiving royalties from the companies that work up here. Because Mary River is of no use to Clyde River, therefore you as Nunavut officials are of no use anymore to various communities. Also, in the local communities there are no groups in the community who can bring out press releases. We need assistance with finances to start up a Clyde River Environmental group for this reason.

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I know very well that I need to make a proposal to the Government of Canada because funding will have to be in place when we are going to work on environmental issues in Clyde River and an advisory committee has to be in place to deal with interested groups.

This is in order for you to realize that Clyde River community have the ability to maintain their environment and you will find out that we are not just ordinary individuals, we are real human beings in Clyde River and we have a Nunavut Territory and we hold sovereignty on behalf of and are invaluable citizens of Clyde River and Canada.

Therefore, we are going to make a request and you will hear about what kind of actions we would like to take here in the north.

We are aware that we do not get informed when activities are going to take place in our environment on the hunting grounds. This has to be safe guarded, our wildlife are being managed with false information because of lack of information towards us. This has to be of some use to our lives and our descendents.

To stop mining and oil & gas development. And you as environmental groups you should be more conscious and better represent the value of your people of Nunavut, on elected members by people of Nunavut.

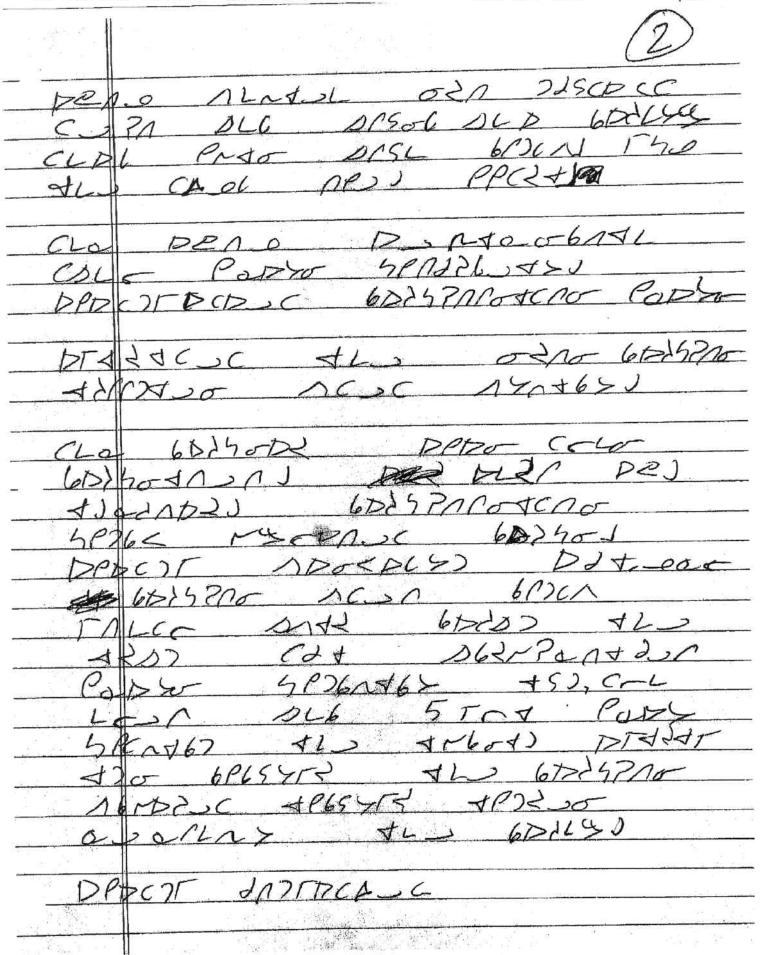
Submitted by David Iqaqrialuk Clyde River

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To: Nigel Qaumariaq

From: George Iqalukjuak

Re: Comments to Seismic testing Proposal from David Ikkarrialuk

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May 30, 2011

This is my concern on Lancaster Sound seismic testing proposal for gas and oil exploration and very important for the residents of Clyde River.

During their consultation, seismic testing briefing report on marine mammal was inadequate and they were not even edited and incomplete data on marine mammal and on environment and that is not acceptable.

Due to Lancaster Sound's rich biological diversity and habitat, the smaller marine mammals food chain such as krill, shrimp, turbot, halibut and all kinds of cod and sculpin and the ocean floor is rich with plants and food.

I am writing this letter because it is true and we are living proof since we have seen it and there needs to be an accurate seismic testing assessment before it goes ahead. Before the gas and oil exploration goes proceeds, a precise data should be completed on what extent it would destroy the marine mammals for us to have all the data if they are killed off since it would take a very long time to have returned in healthy numbers and this is our knowledge from what we have had to live with as Northerners.

It is no surprise since we do not have vegetation here in our homeland that we can survive on and there are no trees here either.

This is very important to us that we need to preserve and protect the animals in Lancaster Sound, we know that the current from the Lancaster goes to Clyde River and all the way to Qikiqtarjuaq.

This is a threat to us and therefore we need to acquire funds for us Northerners to do study.

We need to get a vessel with research equipment in order to do our study.

With the five year research proposal, we, the harvesters/hunters will need the funds to purchase research equipment so that we can begin our research first and the data collected would be more accurate. Give the following communities research equipment: Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord. In order for the communites to proceed with the work that needs to be done, we will need funds to operate for five years according to their plan, we would need to be funded approximately \$5 million and on top of that, vessels would need to be purchased per community and the research equipment would be extra and very costly, obviously, since it is very expensive to make a living in the High Arctic communites as we know it.

We, the High Arctic residents in Nunavut, we have live off this big land of ours and survived. We have lived here for centuries and the land and the waters are our own, Government of Canada and recruits are obviously just visitors and just stealing the economic opportunites from the aboriginals, for us aboriginals, we should be given a chance to get benefits from our great big land, and we all know mining and oil/gas development will eventually have to start, as we are learning and with our own Government, all this that we own in our big backyard, the minerals and oil and gas and all the riches we have here in the North that we have to preserve and protect since our environment is harsh so have to be very careful with it.

Companies have done major developments behind our backs here in the North and this is illegal and we have been wronged in our land and our waters in all the development that have been ongoing for a long time. Since there is shortage of work for Northerners, this is a great opportunity for our future generations to own and work in their homeland.

This is also a great opportunity for our Government, Government of Canada, to pursue bigger economic sustainability if they can work very competently. They have to start working on it insistently and Canada can gain very much if they start discussions Canadians First/First Canadians can work closely together for all of us to benefit.

Because we have different cultures in our Nation, Nunavut-wise, the Southern region is different/opposite of the Northern region.

As Northerners, we are starting to understand the Northern issues and the North is our homeland and we depend on it since we have lived here for a very long time and survived and still live off the Arctic but as Inuit we have been reluctant to be proud because we live in a harsh environment and we were wrong there, we have realized that we are very important to live in our homeland in the Arctic, our land, Nunavut, we have live here for a very long time and we have to be involved in all areas of development in Canada's North. Mining and gas and oil exploration is important here in the Northern region, it can damage the land and the sea, the habitat of our animals and

David Ikkarrialuk concern

marine mammals. We, as Northerners do not farm animals, our animals are wild and live freely in our land and waters and depend on the environment for survival, ecosystems in the Northern Hemisphere, as Northerners, more importantly, have to sustain and protect and conserve the Arctic environment so that Canada can be rich.

Therefore, our requests have to be heard. Since we do not know the cost in using vessels/ships with research equipment, to undergo a study of marine mammals, we need to discuss this further and also how we Northerners can obtain funds.

We Northerners should be proud of ourselves, we have nurtured visitors (the Qallunaat) who would have died otherwise in our harsh environment, unfortunately we could not save all of them, those that died of hypothermia and starvation, Inuit from the North saved a lot of visitors by feeding them country food and giving them traditional clothing for them to use for survival since they had no clue as how to survive in our harsh climate, and those that unfortunately died from 1920's to 1967.

There were sailboat ships that got stranded on ice that we have seen and that is how strong we are as residents of the North. Our Land, Nunavut is our homeland.

Today, the proposal for seismic testing in Lancaster Sound for gas and oil exploration, it is very important that we need to protect the region and to preserve and protect the regions marine mammals from harm from the testing and we, the northern community of Clyde River should safeguard our community.

Clyde River, if the community can get royalties, working closely with the residents, would protect the waters and mammals from harm through its currents.

More importantly, there have been whale and polar bear studies by nonnortherners, ongoing news that is not true, there is plentiful of polar bear and whale population.

As Inuit and hunters, when there is dishonesty on paper and news, we Northerners are given a label and seen negatively by the world therefore we Northerners have to explain to the world instead of visitors that are working here giving out information on oil and gas exploration request, for the Inuit to speak out and be evident here in the Arctic, in our homeland. This written document is very important and I am stressed in order for us to move ahead in the wrong direction, as Canadians, since we have different culture. We have to be open and share information on how Canada is doing, what areas

it is struggling with. Our area in Canada is a beautiful rich place with an abundance of wildlife that inhabits our environment not just for sports.

I want Inuit Organizations to get a copy of this letter, firstly, Qikiqtani Inuit Association, they won the courtcase for the Inuit of Baffin Region in stopping the seismic study proposal to go ahead. In order for their beneficiaries to have a chance to be included and involved, credit goes out to them and we should have dignity that they could stop seismic study request and we are very grateful to QIA.

As a local Inuk, a hunter, a harvester, I am writing this letter of concern, and since we have knowledge in and around the area of Clyde River and the changes that are ongoing, that is our status, my fellow residents, Clyde River Inuit, we have the same concerns and they are not just agreeing to anything that is requested concerning their environment, such as Lancaster Sound seismic study proposal. Clyde River residents will not approve such development until they gain valuable benefits for their residents that they can use economically and this is very important to us.

Sincerely,

David Ikkarialuk, Clyde River, Nunavut, our beautiful land.

This letter is for those that are requesting seismic testing and National Energy Board, Federal Government c/o Leona Agluukkaq.

Also for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Nunavut Government's Environment Department, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Department of Fisheries and Oceans.



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- From your knowledge when will marine mammals be migrating through your region, approximately when do you expect to see the marine mammals?
- Will this project affect marine mammal harvesting rights?
- Which marine mammals may be affected?
- When are the most sensitive times for these animals?
- Are there any calving areas that would be affected?
- Are there any potential impacts to Inuit use and harvesting in the areas?
- Any other concerns that CLARC's may have, such as did the proponent consult the affected communities and is there additional information the CLARC would to see as part of this application?
- Does the CLARC wish to inform their community about this project and seek comment from the community?

Please feel free to ask for clarification or more information.

Sincerely,

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Community Lands & Resources Committee Meeting May 27, 2011

Present:

QIA Community Director Elders Representative Hamlet Representative

Community Liaison Officer

HTO Representative Womens Representative

1. Order Of Meeting

Meeting opened with a prayer by Stevie at 6:15 pm

2. Proposed Baffin Bay & Davis Strait Seismic Exploration

According to the questions that were included on the Nigel Oaumariaq's letter, this is what was said and commented.

- O: From your knowledge when will marine mammals be migrating through your region, approximat when do you expect to see the marine mammals?
- A: According to the dates given, those are the exact dates that the marine mammal will be seen in ou area.
- Q: Will this project affect marine mammal harvesting rights?
- A: This will definitely affect the harvesting rights and within the whole community.
- Q: Which marine mammals may be affected?
- A: Ring Seals, Bearded Seals, Harp Seals, Narwhals, Bowhead Whales, Humpback Whales and Walruse: But still there are all kinds of other marine mammals that will also be affected but these are the mammals that we harvest through out the months mentioned in the proposal.
- Q: When are the most sensitive times for these animals?
- A: During the months of June, July & August are the Ringed, Bearded & Harp Seals. And during the months of September, October & November are all of the above plus the Narwhals, Bowhead and

- Q: Are there any calving areas that would be affected?
- A: Calving areas are during the months of June, July and August for the Bearded Seal, Narwhal and Beluga and other marine mammals not mentioned.
- Q: Are there any potential impacts to inuit use and harvesting in the areas?
- A: It will have a huge impact on seal hunting, narwhal hunting and bearded seal hunting
- Q: Any other concerns that CLARC's may have, such as did the proponent consult the affected communities and is there additional information the CLARC would to see as part of this application
- A: The main concern is that the inuit harvesting rights will be changed forever and knowing that this is our main source of diet year round if an when available.
- Q: Does the CLARC wish to inform their community about this project and seek comment from the community?
- A: Decision was made that we the CLARC members collect comments and concerns from the community and also like to request that RPS Energy come in to do a consultation.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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CLARC Members Present:

......Chairperson/QIA Board member

.....Elder's Representative

.....Member at Large

.....Mittimatalik Hunter's & Trapper's Org. Representative

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....Hamlet of Pond Inlet Representative out hunting

.....Community Lands and Resources Committee Secretary

1. Call to order

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:15pm member Ikey Milton to open the meeting with prayer.

4. Nigel Qaumariaq Environmental & Regulatory Affairs Advisor, QIA Department of Lands Seismic project

Nigel Qaumariaq an Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Advisor with QIA sent a email to the following communities; Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Kimmirut CLARC's

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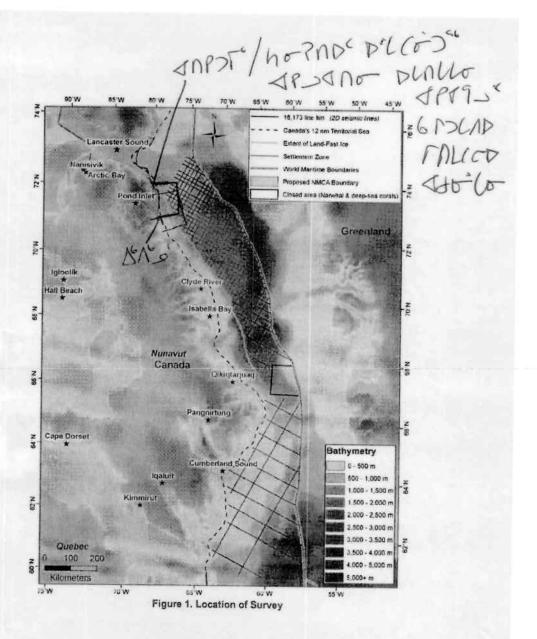
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- 1. From your knowledge when will marine mammals be migrating through your region, approximately when do you expect to see the marine mammals?
- They will be in the floe edge area in Button Point and Navy Board Inlet surrounding area starting in May, June onto mid July in late August, September onto October Narwhal, Bowhead,, Beluga, Bowhead start heading back to where they came from.
 - 2. Will this project affect marine mammal harvesting rights?
- Yes, for sure. There has been some seismic testing in the past Clyde River residents have expressed concerns that the seals end up being deaf and in so case they die.
 - 3. Which marine mammals may be affected?
- Narwhal, Beluga, Bowhead, Bearded seals, seals, ducks, Murres,
 - 4. When are the most sensitive times for these animals?
- Starting in May, June to mid July, Sept. and October
 - 5. Are there any calving areas that would be affected?

- The Narwhal start caving in May up until October.
- They are not sure about Bearded seals, Hooded seal and Harp seals, they may
 calve in the land fast ice, in the middle of May young bearded seals are visible
 and their skin at this time of the year is pure black.
 - 6. Are there any potential impacts to Inuit use and harvesting in the areas?
- They have sketched an area where they wanted it protected.
- They are not sure if it's too close to Button Point it will have an affect for sure, if the could at least be 20 miles away from the shoreline.
 - 7. Any other concerns that CLARC's may have, such as did the proponent consult the affected communities and is there additional information the CLARC would want to see as part of this application?
- DFO recently held a public meeting here in Pod Inlet on May 25, 2011 but there was a low turnout.
 - 8. Does the CLARC wish to inform their community about this project and seek comment from the community?
- Mittimatalik HTO was involved in this and a public meeting was held, they didn't think they require more public consultation.

CLO further added that DFO held a public meeting on May 25, 2011 here in Pond Inlet in regards to the proposed seismic testing and the fact that he had managed to got a copy of the presentation.



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