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Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

January 25, 2019

**Re: QIA Comments on NIRB Notice of Final Public Meeting and Draft Agenda**

Dear Ryan Barry,

QIA would like to thank NIRB for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft agenda for the final public meeting for the SEA in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait. This letter includes a couple brief comments on the draft agenda as well as the submission of two QIA final reports for NIRB's public registry.

In NIRB's letter to parties from December 19, 2018, under the Procedural History on page 2, where the recommendations of the Board's final report are outlined, QIA would like to suggest including the following:

- The recommendations should address the future inclusion of IQ in decision making
- Specific needs for additional information prior to the decision to lift the moratorium on oil and gas as well as additional information prior to any activities if the moratorium is lifted.

QIA has reviewed the draft agenda for the technical sessions and would like to thank NIRB for the time allocated to QIA for an overview of community engagement and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit collection and outcomes. We look forward to sharing information with the public and other participants regarding QIA's methodology in developing our three final IQ based reports for this SEA.

With respect to the suggested format for submissions to NIRB, QIA will be submitting a final report to NIRB that outlines how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit was used to gauge the impact of arctic oil and gas development on marine life, harvesting and food security. The report will include recommendations from IQ advisors as well as recommendations that are more technical in nature. The format of our submission may vary to reflect the different nature of recommendations in the report.

This letter also includes QIA's formal submission of the following two reports to NIRB's public review process for the Strategic Environmental Assessment:



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1. Qikiqtaaluk Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Qaujimajangit Iliqqusingitugut for the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait Marine Environment, and
2. Evaluating the role of Marine Based Harvesting in Food Security in the Eastern Arctic.

The above reports include an extensive baseline of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit for the Qikiqtani region and the SEA study area as well as an evaluation of the potential socio- economic impacts of oil and gas development on food security and food sharing in the affected Qikiqtani communities. QIA would like the NIRB Board to take into consideration the information included in these two reports in the SEA review and decision making process.

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate with NIRB on the SEA in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait and we look forward to participating in the final hearing.

Thank you

Sincerely

Rosanne D'Orazio  
Director, Lands & Resources  
Qikiqtani Inuit Association