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July 21, 2026

Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO)
Iqaluit, Nunavut

Re: Request for Letter of Support – Namminiqurniq Program Ecosystems Field Course Near Iqaluit

Dear Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization Board Members,

I am writing to request the support of the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) for the **Introduction to Ecosystems Field Course** for Nunavut Inuit learners who are new employees of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Nunavut Regional Office in Iqaluit under Namminiqurniq (Devolution). The course is intended to strengthen the capacity of Nunavut Inuit learners to contribute to environmental stewardship, resource management, and monitoring activities that support Nunavut's future workforce while recognizing the importance of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit-led approaches to research and land stewardship.

The course includes hands-on training in ecological monitoring techniques, including non-invasive plant sampling, snow and ice measurements, observations of marine food webs through Arctic char, and plankton trawls. Field activities will take place in the Iqaluit area, including Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, Katannilik Territorial Park, Nunngarut during two multi-day field courses scheduled for September/October 2026 and March 2027. All fishing activities will be completed by Inuit learners to sample Arctic char stomach contents to understand food web dynamics and changes across seasons.

If the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization supports this initiative, we would appreciate your endorsement by completing the section below and returning a signed copy of this letter at your convenience. Your consideration and support are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Please indicate the position of the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO):

☒ The Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization supports this project.

☐ The Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization does not support this project.

Comments (optional):

Name: Jimmy Sandy Akavak

Title: Chair

Signature: [Signature]

Date: Aug 4/06