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Subject: RE: 16DN031 - INAC comments

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Morning Kel,

In response to INAC's comments I can offer you the following response:

Re Public concern: DND has consulted with the Hamlet of Ranking Inlet via the mayor's office Mr. Robert Janes on 13 Apr 16. All of the community's concerns were addressed and have no objections to conducting the Operation. WRT to chesterfield Inlet, the community was not originally consulted in the early stages of planning as the operational boxes did not include any municipal lands. However, due to proximity and at INAC's recommendation, a request to consult was sent to the mayor's office (Barney Aggark), who happens to be the President of the Aqigiq HTO as well, was initiated on 1-Jun-16. To date we have not heard back from the mayor's office or the HTO for that matter. However, if we fail to establish communications or are not successful with the consult, DND is fully prepared to avoid using the operation box adjacent to the community.

Re caribou herds and calving grounds: The number of operational boxes and sizes were intentionally over the number and sizes required in order to avoid any sensitive areas occupied by the caribou herd(s). All operations (and exercises) in the north are planned with a 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1CRPG) component involved. The local (1CRPG) patrol where the operation is staged from will be embedded with patrolling elements and employed as guides, training instructors, predator watch and field consultants. DND relies heavily on the local 1CRPG patrol, who have intimate knowledge of the area, to give guidance and offer best practices when out on the land. Under their advice and guidance, DND feels any negative impact on caribou herds in the area will be avoided.

Re spent ammunition casings: DND's standard operating procedure for removing all spent ammo casings and links shall be adhered to. All collected spent ammo casings and links will be returned to the most convenient DND facility for recycling.

Re: sewage disposal: As in the past for all operations/exercises in the north, all human waste and grey water produced in the field will be bagged and returned to the local community for proper disposal.

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Ublaakkut Andrew,

I don't know if you have been following the comments on this one but INAC has some caribou concerns and so likely this is going to come back your way as comments close today but I wanted to give you a heads up and maybe you have a plan you want to submit to NIRB?

Kel

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