

AANDC, the Athabasca Denesuline stressed that under no circumstances "should calving grounds ever be explored/developed/ disturbed in any way."

"These organizations have taken strong positions because this project threatens their livelihoods," Evans says. BQCMB meeting guest and harvester from Arviat, Leo Ikakhik, agreed. "This area is where our country foods are grown, where our hearts are. Any damage or disruption hurts us."

"The Board has taken the position of no development on calving grounds," added Florence Catholique, BQCMB alternate member representing Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation. "We have the interests of a lot of people at heart. Our concerns are for the caribou, the Dene people, and future generations."

Evans is frustrated and concerned that the long-standing position against exploration and development on calving grounds held by the BQCMB and many other organizations continues to be disregarded. However, he is encouraged by the solidarity seen amongst organizations across the caribou ranges. "Our voices are stronger when we speak together," he said.

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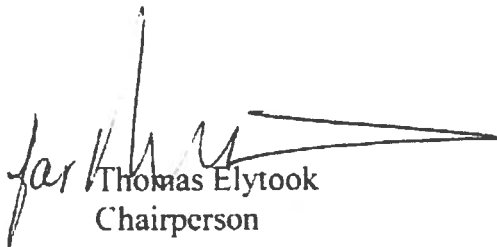
Baker Lake Hunters' and Trappers' Organization, during their regular meeting of June 21, 2012 made and passed a motion:

20112-06-21-#01 Timothy Tunguaq/Eugene Niviatsiak that they opposed to Anconia Resources Corp. proposed project in Victory Lake, Nunavut. Exploration activities should be banned in caribou calving and post-calving grounds.....carried

Baker Lake HTO made and passed a motion on January 10th, 2012 that they would support whatever the communities of Arviat and Whale Cove decides.

In recent decision by BQCMB, and KWB, which in their June meeting expressed their position to opposed the Anconia's project proposal in the centre of Qamanirjuaq caribou calving grounds.

The Baker Lake HTO, strongly opposed to KIA's recommendation to NIRB for the project to go ahead in Inuit owned lands without full consultation with communities affected. Although, the Caribou Protection Measures alone should have been sufficient to reject the proposal.


Thomas Elytook
Chairperson

cc: KIA, BQCMB, KWB

11EN046



AQIGIQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ORGANIZATION

Nunavut Impact Review Board
File No: 11EN046
KIA No: KVL311C03

February 13, 2013

RE: Victory Lake Project:

Aqigiq HTO board of directors discussed the Anconia Resource request for support on exploration and mining in Victory Lake at their regular meeting February 12, 2013, in 1978 Caribou Protected Measures were established under the Territorial Land Use Regulations to protect caribou from disturbance in calving and post-calving areas, at designated water crossings and on migration routes to the calving grounds.

Moved by: Jacinthe Amarok
Seconded by: Larry Tautu

That Aqigiq HTO directors do not agree nor support the project since it will disturb the Qamanirjuaq Caribou herd and its calving & migrating route also any exploration activities.

To protect the herd Aqigiq HTO is opposing Anconia's Victory Lake Project based on BQMBs recommendation and tradition post-calving grounds since early 1950s.

Carried
Motion # 106\13

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office anytime Mon-Fri before 5pm.

Sincerely,

Douglas Aggark
Vice Chairman

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