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Subject: Draft Sahtu Land Use Plan Ecological Representation Analysis

Hello Heidi,

As discussed, attached is an assessment on the ecological representation of the draft Plan by the Protected Areas Strategy Science Team (formerly called the Ecological Working Group). This follows up on our earlier analysis of the previous draft, which suggested ways to improve the ecological representation, and thereby help maintain biodiversity and healthy landscapes.

This is technical information on ecological representation and does not necessarily represent the views of the individual organizations that make up the PAS Science Team. The respective organizations will submit comments their comments separately and directly to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board.

Attached is:

1. Previous submission: ecological benchmarks and the SLUP

As you noted, your records are not necessarily complete on previous submissions. The Board may wish to consider this information in the next draft.

2. Ecological Representation Analysis

Method and conclusions on three parts of ecological representation analysis:

- Terrestrial coarse filter representation
- Freshwater coarse filter representation
- Special features (fine filter representation)

3. Ecoregions section of plan

Comment on wording for this section

The Science Team suggests that with some relatively minor modifications, the Plan could more fully represent and protect the ecological diversity of the Sahtu. The conclusions are summarized on page 31 of the Ecological Representation. Again, I will stress that this is for information purposes, and does not necessarily represent the opinions of any of the PAS partners.

I hope you find the information, conclusions and methods helpful. For technical questions on the analysis, please call Evelyn Gah of the Science Team at 873-7516 or Mike Palmer of the Science Team at 766-2073. If you have any general questions about this, or if we can be of any assistance in providing more details or analysis for the Planning Board, please feel free to contact me.

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