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# Letters of Support for the Proposed Qikiqtait Marine Protected Area

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Sincerely,

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Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers  
September 25, 2024 , 2024



**Sanikiluaq Hunters & Trappers Association**

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October 15, 2024

To: C. Thomas Hoggarth  
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Arctic Region  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Richard Paton  
Assistant Executive Director  
Marine & Wildlife Conservation  
Qikiqtani Inuit Association

**RE: Designation of a new Ministerial Order Marine Protected Area in Qikiqtait**

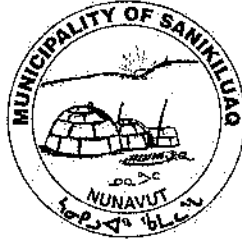
I am writing to express support from the Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers for the establishment of a Ministerial Order Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Qikiqtait. It is our understanding that a Ministerial Order MPA, will freeze the footprint of ongoing activities in the area for up to five years. This time will allow the community and Sanikiluaq Qikiqtait Steering Committee to work with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), Government of Canada, and Government of Nunavut to explore an Inuit Protected and Conserved Area for the marine environment.

We acknowledge that the following classes of documented activities will be allowed in the MPA:

- Hunting and trapping activities
- Fishing activities
- Harvesting of marine plants
- Marine navigation activities
- National defence activities carried out by the Department of National Defence
- Canadian Coast Guard activities carried out by the Canadian Coast Guard
- Tourism activities
- Recreational activities
- Educational activities
- Travel over sea ice using motorized vehicles and non-motorized methods
- Traditional Knowledge and cultural research activities
- Scientific research activities
- Filming activities
- Activities provided for and carried out in a manner not inconsistent with the Nunavut Agreement

Our community will continue to play a leading role in the process through the Sanikiluaq Qikiqtait Steering Committee as to whether the area should be protected over the long term, on the boundary of the area being considered for protection, and type of protection recommended.

We look forward to working with you to advance the consideration of long-term protection in Qikiqtait following the establishment of the Ministerial Order MPA.



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October 31, 2024

To: C. Thomas Hoggarth  
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Arctic Region  
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Richard Paton  
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Qikiqtani Inuit Association

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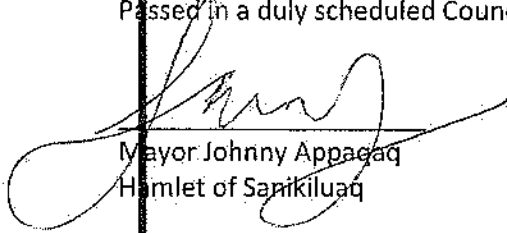
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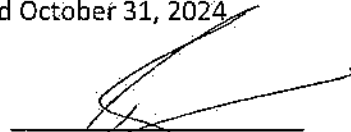
We look forward to working with you to advance the consideration of long-term protection in Qikiqtait following the establishment of the Ministerial Order MPA.

Sincerely;

Passed in a duly scheduled Council Meeting held October 31, 2024.



Mayor Johnny Appaqaq  
Hamlet of Sanikiluaq



SAO Robert Hedley  
Hamlet of Sanikiluaq



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October 14, 2024

To: C. Thomas Hoggarth  
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Richard Paton  
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I am writing to express support from the Arctic Eider Society for the establishment of a Ministerial Order Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Qikiqtait. It is our understanding that a Ministerial Order MPA, will freeze the footprint of ongoing activities in the area for up to five years. This time will allow the community of Sanikiluaq and Sanikiluaq Qikiqtait Steering Committee to work with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), Government of Canada, and Government of Nunavut to explore an Inuit Protected and Conserved Area for the marine environment.

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Sincerely,

Joel Heath, Executive Director

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