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Hello,

Please see below suggested questions for the Commissioners to ask the respective Parties and Participants. Should have any questions about the questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,  
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Questions to Regional Inuit Associations and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Q1: With regard to the proposed mobile caribou protection measure, what sort of activities do the RIAs and NTI expect to be affected? For example, there are relatively low-impact exploration programs and relatively high-impact mineral mining or all-season road traffic. Would you expect there to be some exemptions o the application of the mobile protection measure?

Q2: Of the activities that would be affected by the mobile protection measure, what sort of restrictions do RIAs and NTI envision? For example, will there be a minimum flying distance, temporary drilling ban, or temporary and complete cessation of industrial activities?

Q3: How do RIAs and NTI envision that the mobile protection measure apply to existing developments? For example, if the mobile zone moved over to an operating mining site, would the mine be affected by the mobile zone?

Questions to the Government of Nunavut

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Q1: How does the GN explain the basis for their March 2016 reversal of position on protection of caribou calving and post-calving areas? How was technical input from their staff and input from community consultations used to develop this new position?

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Questions to the industries who have development interests in key caribou habitats (core calving grounds, post-calving grounds, and freshwater crossings):

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Q1: In the event that your development site overlaps with the key caribou habitats, will you commit to secede your activities, including blasting, ore processing, hauling, and flying?

Question to the Government of the NWT, World Wildlife Fund, BQCMB, and Wekeezhii Renewable Resources Board

Q1: In your opinion, do you believe that establishing a definitive causal link between industrial development and caribou population decline is a pre-requisite to establish a protected area for the key caribou habitats? In your opinion, how likely is it that such link may be established scientifically?