



**Makivvik: Opening Statement, NAMMCO 30th Meeting of the Council, Tromsø, Norway
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Mr. Chair, NAMMCO members, and other observers

Makivvik, on behalf of the Inuit of Nunavik, Northern Quebec, is pleased to be an observer to the 30th meeting of NAMMCO in Tromsø. We would like to thank Tromsø and the NAMMCO Secretariat for hosting this meeting.

Makivvik views the proceedings of NAMMCO as an important forum for discussions on issues that pertain to the sustainable use of marine mammals that are essential to Nunavik Inuit food security, culture, and livelihood, within the context of comprehensive Canadian Land Claims Agreements. Nunavimmiut have used seals, whales, and walrus for millennia in order to survive. The health of the ecosystem and the marine mammals that reside in it are intimately linked with the health of Inuit. Sound management, based on both traditional Inuit approaches as well as western science, including the use of both science and Inuit Knowledge is essential for the stewardship of this vital resource.

Nakurmiik, thank you, merci.

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