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[EXTERNAL] coastal plain leasing program EIS

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On behalf of AEWC, I am making general comments already being utilized and followed through CAA program approved by the Commission. There are several Villages in that may be affected by the leasing of ANWR area: Kaktovik, Nuiqsut Whalers, Utqiagvik (Barrow) whaling Association.

These Villages have charted a subsistence whaling zone or buffer areas during their hunting season: which is often A late August – Oct each year. AEWC has a whaling quota as provided in the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Inupiat Whalers are exempt from these prohibitions to meet their dietary and nutritional needs for the Villages.

However AEWC has a Conflict Avoidance Agreement (CAA) policy so that vessel traffic can coordinate their delivery plan to Prudhoe or wherever they are delivering their cargo – Barges for example. Also cruise liners can contact AEWC for their routes near these subsistence zones and amend their course where ever possible.