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Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

Public Scoping Comment Form

Please submit your comments by **June 19, 2018** via one of the following methods:

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Via webform on the project website:

<https://goo.gl/HVo5Mj>

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Comments:

In evaluating the lease sale tracts that ~~could~~ be offered for sale, please consider that even though the area maybe small, it happens to be the most valuable area for a variety of uses, including habitat for polar bears, migratory and endangered birds, the porcupine caribou herd and more than 200,000 animals. Its ironic that the same places that are good for oil are also good for everything else. Best practices are difficult to find in this fragile ecosystem that has been home to indigenous people for millennia. Please consider the existing treaties under the 1987 international agreement with Canada. Please consider the idea to add tribes to your list of cooperating agencies. Please consider the cumulative impacts of oil & gas exploration across the coast. Please consider the jobs of scientists researching climate change and the jobs of tour operators experiencing this magic place. Fully consider the original purposes of the refuge, including preserving and protecting

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fish, wildlife, habitat, subsistence, wilderness recreation and water resources, Conservation is relevant.

It is difficult to imagine how you can find an alternative that would keep all the competing issues in balance, So please consider a no-action alternative. A no-action alternative would surely be a best practice for the massive

herds of caribou and 200 kinds of migratory birds and human subsistence. Lease stipulations should consider all of the human and environmental competing interests. Lease stipulations should reflect the economic costs to the world for the damaging effects of climate change. These lands are valuable and the cost of leasing should reflect that value.

Thank you for this very difficult job you have.