

May 5, 2022

To Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC):

RE: Qikiqtaaluk Corporation's application under the Skills Partnership Fund

On behalf of Kakivak Association (Kakivak) I am pleased to send this letter of support for Qikiqtaaluk Corporation's (QC) submission under ESDC's Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF).

Kakivak is a strong supporter of QC's efforts to evaluate and develop the inshore fisheries potential of its member communities in the Qikiqtani region. In addition to the potential that commercial fisheries development can provide for much needed employment and socio-economic development in our remote communities, the evaluation of fisheries resources also offers the potential to help address critical food security and sovereignty issues in these communities.

As a result, Kakivak has been pleased to partner with QC on its efforts to date towards inshore fisheries development and remains committed to this important initiative and the evaluation and development of our resource potential. Kakivak is pleased to confirm that it has made a financial contribution of \$375,000 thus far provided directly to the operations costs over the past year in support of local Inuit employment and training. A further commitment of \$375,000 has been made for 2022/23, as QC expands its activities on its inshore research vessel, the Ludy Pudluk, into two additional communities. Given the importance of this initiative to inshore fisheries development in Nunavut and the training and mentoring of community members, including youth, Kakivak is also open to receiving further applications for funding for the next five years, subject to review and assessment. Any funding Kakivak might contribute to this project beyond 2022-23 must be approved by Kakivak's Board of Directors and will be conditional upon the availability of funds in the ISET program and the approval of this project for SPF by ESDC. As the designated Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program service delivery organization for the Qikiqtani region, this proposal is fully consistent with our mandate and the considerable skills and employment development needs of our region.

This project with ESDC will help address a critical component needed for the long-term success of inshore fisheries development in Nunavut, the identification, training and mentoring of the

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local Inuit human resources required for success. With the young population of our Territory and the large number of Inuit who will be entering the workforce over the coming years, an early introduction to the potential career opportunities in the fishery, while they are still in school, is needed in order to attract the needed talent for all aspects of fishery development, from the research technicians, to vessel and processing plant staff, and small business owners and managers.

We look forward to potentially participating in the development, promotion and governance of this project, through sitting on its Management Committee.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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