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Re: Willow Project Draft Supplemental EIS Comment Period and Meetings in Nuiqsut

Dear Stephanie:

Thank you for your email of May 31, 2022, which stated in pertinent part:

BLM is currently finishing the final edits to the Draft Supplemental EIS and we hope to publish that on June 24, 2022. We are currently planning a 45-day public comment period, during which we will hold three virtual public meetings and in person meetings in Nuiqsut and Utqiagvik. This is a preliminary schedule and is still subject to change. I will keep you all posted as we get closer to publication with the final meeting dates, length of the public comment period and instructions on how to submit comments.

Unfortunately, this proposed schedule directly conflicts with the community's subsistence harvesting schedule and preparation for the Cross Island whaling efforts. Therefore, on behalf of the City of Nuqisut as one of the Cooperating Agencies in this matter, I would respectfully request that this schedule be modified to allow a comment period through September 30th and community meetings closer to the end of that comment period. (This will also allow more time for the development of meaningful compensatory mitigation measures.)

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