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On the Land, Think Safety First!

Kuuujuaq, Québec, April 14, 2015 – The Civil Security Section of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), the Kativik Regional Police Force and its Cadet Program, and the Nunavik Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Association (NHFTA) jointly announce the launch of the Out on the Land seasonal prevention campaign. In April and May, listen to your local and regional FM radio stations for audio clips, interviews and testimonials regarding safety when travelling on the land and protocols to be followed in case of emergency.

Rapidly changing weather conditions, inadequate preparation and panic are the main factors leading to dangerous situations when practising wildlife harvesting and recreational activities away from the communities. Reduce the risks! Before your departure, inform a close friend or family member of your approximate itinerary and planned return time. Always carry with you sufficient supplies for 72 hours and a functioning communications device (SPOT, HF radio or satellite phone) to signal your location intermittently in case of emergency.

“If you become stranded on the land: **Sit. Think. Observe. Plan.** Keep yourself warm and communicate your location. These actions will considerably increase your chances of staying safe while experienced rescue teams are on their way,” recommends Craig Lingard, Coordinator of the KRG Civil Security Section.

“Spring in Nunavik and across the north is unlike anywhere else. Hunters and travellers must stay aware of changing ice conditions on lakes and rivers and variable weather. Extra caution should be exercised when out on the land for harvesting purposes,” concludes Jimmy Johannes, Executive Secretary of the Nunavik Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Association.

Enjoy your trip: Think Safety First!

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The Kativik Regional Government is a public organization created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

Anguviaq has a mandate to formally represent the interests of Inuit hunters, fishermen and trappers in Nunavik. The organization, which is made up of locally elected representatives, derives its authority directly from the Inuit of Nunavik.