

## News Release

## Premier Names Minister of The Environment

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 15, 2006)** – Premier Paul Okalik has appointed the Nanulik MLA Patterk Netser to the position of Minister of the Environment and asked that he also assume ministerial responsibility for the Workers' Compensation Board.

"As an MLA Patterk Netser demonstrated his interest in ensuring that the management of our environmental resources includes benefits for our non-decentralized communities. Now as Minister of the Environment he has my support and the support of the legislative assembly in pursuing this objective," said Okalik.

Okalik thanked Minister Olayuk Akesuk for his years of service in the environment portfolio and for having recently accepted the responsibilities of Minister for Economic Development and Transportation. The Premier has asked that Akesuk maintain responsibility for the commercial fishery and sealing as well as the Nunavut Housing Corporation and that he incorporate these activities within the economic development mandate of his new department.

Changes to ministerial responsibilities are effective immediately.

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