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The Home Rule Executive Order no. 10 of 15 June 2007 on the protection of Ilulissat Icefjord

Amended, repealed, principal law, compiles, replaces information pursuant to section 16, subsection 1, § 39, para. 5 and para. 6, § 46, § 60, para. 2 and para. 4 of the County Council Act no. 29 of 18 December 2003 on nature protection stipulates:

Purpose § 1.

Ilulissat Icefjord, and a surrounding area, located in Ilulissat Municipality is laid out as a protected area, with the purpose of protecting the landscape beauty as well as the area's natural history, cultural history and other natural values. The protection must help to protect the area's nature from wear and tear.

Boundary § 2.

The protected area is listed in Appendix 1. Part of the protected area is divided into three sub-areas. PCS. Sub-area A constitutes a land area at Sermermiut. The area is listed in Appendix 2. Sub-area B forms the innermost marine part of the Ilulissat Icefjord. The area is listed in Appendix 3. Sub-area C constitutes the outermost marine part of the Ilulissat Icefjord. The area is listed in Appendix 3.

General access and use § 3.

The public has access to the protected area with the restrictions that follow from this executive order.

§ 4. Within the protected area, it is not permitted to contaminate lakes, streams, fjords, glaciers or land areas in any way or to leave any kind of waste, used fishing gear, markings and scientific equipment. PCS. 2. It is not allowed to damage the vegetation or make changes to the terrain. All collection of plants and plant parts is prohibited, cf., however, subsection 3. PCS. 3. Notwithstanding the prohibition in para. 2, it is permitted to collect plant growth for fuel for cooking in connection with fishing, hunting and trapping.

Tent pitching and use of open fire § 5.

Within the protected area, tent pitching and use of open fire may only take place for up to 1 day at the same location. Further tent pitching and use of open fire may then only take place at a new location at a distance of at least 100 meters from the previously used location, cf. 2. PCS. 2. Permanent areas for tent pitching may be designated by the municipal council of Ilulissat Municipality after consultation with the Directorate for Environment and Nature. It must be clearly marked where tent pitching must take place.

Construction, facilities and traffic § 6.

Within the protected area, it is not permitted to construct buildings or other permanent facilities, as well as construct roads and paths, cf. 2 and para. 3. PCS. 2. The Directorate for Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council of Ilulissat Municipality, grant permission for the construction of buildings or other permanent facilities. The Directorate for the Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council in Ilulissat, lay down conditions for the scope, nature, location, height and design of such permits. PCS. 3. Within the protected area, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council of Ilulissat Municipality, grant permission for the construction of roads and paths. The Directorate for the Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council in Ilulissat, lay down conditions in such permits. PCS. Within the protected area, the movement of motor vehicles, including snowmobiles, trailers and tracked vehicles is not permitted. PCS. 5. Exempted from the prohibition in para. 4 is driving in traffic corridors, which is stipulated in the executive order on the use of motorized means of transport in Ilulissat Municipality. PCS. Within the protected area, bicycle traffic is not permitted. PCS. Paths can be fortified with gravel, wood or other suitable material. PCS. In sub-area A, cf. Appendix 2, it is only permitted to travel on the marked paths in the period 1 April - 31 October.

Flights § 7.

Within the protected area, flights lower than 1000 meters are not permitted for the sake of the area's wildlife. PCS. 2. Exempted from the prohibition in para. 1 is flight in connection with concessional scheduled flight, rescue and search operations as well as approaches to those in subsection. 4 mentioned landing sites. PCS. 3. Within the protected area, landings are not permitted, cf. 4. PCS. 4. The Directorate for Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council in Ilulissat, grant annual or multi-year permits for landings in 2 specified areas. PCS. 5. The Directorate for the Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council in Ilulissat, lay down conditions in the provisions of subsection (1). 4 granted permits.

Sailing, mooring, presentations and disembarkation § 8.

In sub-area B, sailing is not permitted. PCS. 2. Exempted from the prohibition in para. 1 is sailing in connection with commercial fishing, hunting and trapping as well as sailing in connection with rescue and search operations. PCS. In Subarea C, all sailing with vessels larger than a tonnage of 1,000 Gross Registered Tonnes is not permitted. PCS. 4. Tourist sailing within the protected area may only take place through the use of guides with knowledge of the Greenlandic nature and legislation on the protection of nature.

§ 9. Within the protected area, mooring and storage of boats is not permitted, cf. 2. PCS. 2. Exempted from the prohibition in para. 1 is anchoring which is done in connection with fishing, hunting and trapping.

§ 10. Within the protected area, disembarkation is not permitted. PCS. 2. Exempted from the prohibition in para. 1 is disembarkation in connection with commercial fishing, hunting and trapping. However, this exception does not apply to disembarkation to area A.

Management, supervision and dispensation § 11.

The Directorate for Environment and Nature prepares, after consultation with the municipal council in Iluissat Municipality, a management plan for the protected area.

§ 12. The municipal council of Ilulissat Municipality ensures compliance with this executive order.

§ 13. The Directorate for Environment and Nature may, after consultation with the municipal council of Ilulissat Municipality, grant dispensation from the provisions of § 5 para. 1, § 7, para. 1 and § 8, para. 4 of this Executive Order, provided that it is not contrary to the purpose of the protection.

§ 14. Violation of § 4, para. 1 and para. 2, § 5, para. 1, § 6, para. 1 piece. 4 pcs. 6 and para. 8, § 7, para. 1 and para. 3, § 8, para. 1 and para. 3-4, § 9, para. 1 and § 10, para. 1, may result in a fine. PCS. Violation of conditions laid down pursuant to section 6, subsection 2-3 and § 7, para. 5 may result in a fine. PCS. If the infringement is committed by a company which is wholly or partly owned by the state, the Home Rule Government of Greenland, a municipality or a municipal community, covered by the County Council Act on local councils and district councils, etc., a public limited company, private limited company, cooperative or similar, the company may be imposed further, as such criminal liability. The same applies if the violation has been committed by the Home Rule Government of Greenland, a municipality or a municipal community, covered by the County Council Act on Municipal Boards and Rural Boards, etc.

§ 15. The Executive Order enters into force on 1 July 2007. PCS. 2. At the same time, the Home Rule Executive Order no. 7 of 25 March 2003 on the protection of Ilulissat Icefjord is repealed.

Greenland Home Rule Government, 15 June 2007