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Nunanguullaput / Our Maps
Elcarnaqaput makut kinguuliput
makut abitnek /We must teach our young people their [place] names

Nunavut / Our Land
Nunamet yuucingqertukut /Our livelihood is provided by the land

Qanruyuteput / Our Values
Takaquciyaraq
/Showing Respect

Yugtun Qaneryaraput / Our Yup’ik Language
Qaneryaraput una power-araparkput
/Our language is a great power to us

The coastal plain of the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta, south of Scammon Bay, 2003. Photo Credit: Jeff Foley
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