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## Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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Dear Adam,

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Public Hearing on the listings of polar bear as a species of "Special Concerns".

According to the scientific research, they might be assuming that but as inuit harvesters, we cannot say that polar bears are in danger but what we can say is, that there are too many polar bears that could be in danger due to climate change. And furthermore, back in 1930's, we could have said "yes" they are in danger but today, the number of polar bears are increasing. As inuit harvesters, we cannot say that they are in danger now.

Since we've had the two public hearings one in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit and also Resolute Bay, we have met with Canadian Wildlife Service and inuit within the communities have said that the number of polar bears have increased. And also, the harvester's equipments are being damaged more due to polar bear encounters. But part of the danger is the polar bears are becoming more skinner possibly due to there diet or lack of ring seals.

I will probably want to say more if I will be allowed to.

Sincerely,

Vice Chair

Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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