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## Written Submission to NWMB Caribou Hearing

Mayukalik HTA board would like to provide short written submission regarding the Caribou Ban on Baffin Island and they are:

- Some of the board members are not quite sure whether there were 100,000 caribou herd on Baffin Island, it is believed that it was an estimate in around the year of 1985. It is agreed that the Caribou population was healthy and it is not known that one big group of 100,000 existed but there were healthy groups.
- Arctic wolves: Why not study the wolves were the main Caribou herd are and possibly provide compensation or payments to hunters to kill wolves (This can eliminate the population to decrease especially when the numbers for caribou are very low). This should NOT be ignored by the Government of Nunavut.
- The option to set a total allowable harvest (TAH) is fully supported.
- The sampling program for caribou is acceptable as long as it delivers what is meant for and can determine the health of caribou.
- The reporting of low numbers of caribou is agreed by Inuit Qaujimanigitiigut (knowledge) and agrees with the latest Aerial survey numbers.
- We are confident that by working together all parties can come to an agreement where we can see appropriate harvest management for our future and for our future generations.
- And we urge the Government of Nunavut to see if Reindeer Caribou can be transported to Baffin Island (Any amount)

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