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Re: Pangnirtung submission for Baffin Island Caribou Public Hearing

Hello Mr. Kovic,

Attached is Pangnirtung HTO submission for the Baffin Island Caribou Public Hearing. Our submission are the minutes from a public meeting our HTO hosted on January 22, 2015. As you will see, our community had a very active discussion about caribou management. Our members care deeply about the caribou population, and have considered many possible solutions.

Some common themes from the meeting include:

- Members both disagree and support the moratorium;  
Those who did not agree with the moratorium stated that are many factors that contributed to the low caribou numbers, including wolves, changing caribou migration patterns and mining. Those who supported the moratorium suggested the moratorium stay in place till the end of the year. Members said conservation practices do help the population grow
- Members suggested other possible harvesting limits: including closing seasons or hunting bulls only;
- Members were concerned about the lack of communication from the government on caribou management;
- Members feel more Inuit knowledge and experience should be used to support understanding caribou and the changes in the environment which may impact caribou;
- Members raised concern about the implementation of the aerial survey;
- Members have asked if limits continue on caribou, that compensation for hunters be developed.

Thank you,



Noah Mosese, Chair  
Pangnirtung HTO