Also included below are several questions that might be helpful to anyone who is interested in preparing a written submission to NWMB's public hearing:

- In 1985, Inuit said that there were about 100,000 caribou. Do you know if there
  had ever been a herd of this size on Baffin Island before 1985? If yes, when
  and where?
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit was collected and used during the 2013-2014 community consultation tour and aerial survey; do you agree with the summary results of the survey?
- Do you feel that the current population estimate is part of a natural cycle? If yes, do you think the natural cycle normally takes 50 to 90 years?
- What do you think an appropriate harvest management system should include?
- What knowledge would you like to pass down to the younger generation?
- How can we ensure that this knowledge is shared, passed down to younger generations, respected and followed?
- What do you suggest people can do to help the caribou come back?

The NWMB is planning to hold a mapping session with the Qaujimaniliit and Hunters and Trappers Organization members the night before the public hearing to help the NWMB and co-management partners with decision-making in the future. Below are questions that will be used to guide the mapping session. If you have additional questions to include, please do not hesitate to send them to the NWMB.

## Mapping questions:

- 1. Migration routes which way do the caribou migrate during spring and fall?
- 2. Where are the caribou calving grounds and when are they used?

Written submissions to the public hearing must be filed with the NMWB by February 13, 2015 at 5:00pm Eastern Time, at the following coordinates:

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Here are some answer from Jimmy Pitseolak, Jaykoolasie Killiktee and Elijah Panikpakoocho on February 12, 2015.

One. Yes, 60's and 70's they seem to be coming back around that time, then since beginning of 80's, the size of herd expanded quite considerably. The area they've seen was all over Pond Inlet, Bylot Island, Bordon Peninsula, Trembly Sound, Milne Inlet, Nunasia, Paquet Bay, Tay Sound, Oliver Sound, Guys Bight, Navy Board, Button Point, and all over North Baffin.

Then, in the 1990's, the population started decreasing due to poor vegetation.

- 2. Yes, we agree, they will always increase.
- 3. Yes, Naturally takes 50 to 40 years sometimes earlier.
- 4. Management might include 5 caribou for one person for a year. Or, TAH is decided to carry on the limit should be 50 to 90 caribou per community. If the TAH is reached, have an opportunity to ask for more tags for harvesting.
- 5. It is not right to waste or disturb the wildlife.

Knowledge not to harvest for fun, if you are not going to eat the harvest, don't hunt.

Don't catch more of what you need.

Not to sell meat when theirs not commercial available.

But they can buy from outside the Baffin Island.

6. Elders or adults would need to teach more often.

Due to that they'll need more funding to teach to the classroom from GN and DOE.

7. Not to leave carcusses, clean your harvest area, don't leave anything behind. The wildlife smell very easily.

HTO and Hamlet, if they could have more notifications on the caribou issue to the public at large.

Also, suggest not to bother the first migration caribou coming in to the area, they should not be harvested until the population in the area has considerably increased.

Migrations route – spring time they go inland to the mountains to go calving. In the fall, they go lower ground to gather and become a herd throughout the wintering season.

The calving grounds are usually in Mary River area, that's where the high mountains are. That is usually spring time May, June July.

At least every harvester should get 5 to 10 each.