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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Summary Minutes of the April 26th 2018 Teleconference with the *Nunavut Polar Bear Co-management Plan* Hearing Parties and Dates for the In-person Public Hearing

On April 26th 2018, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) held a teleconference with hearing parties regarding the *Nunavut Polar Bear Co-management Plan* (Plan). The purpose of the teleconference was to obtain the views from the hearing parties, so they could be taken into consideration while planning the in-person public hearing (Plan Hearing).

A brief background was outlined by the NWMB, starting from the consultation process by the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment through to its submission to the Board. Following that, the NWMB outlined its position:

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i) NWMB has received support from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (Canada) to provide funds to pay airfare, accommodation and per diem (not honoraria) for <u>one</u> hearing delegate from each community (except the host community) to participate at the hearing;

ii) the hearing is to be held over a 4-day period in Iqaluit in the fall;

iii) hearing parties had to be flexible with the dates considering the limited accommodation space in Iqaluit;

iv) all co-management partners have a shared challenge to obtain a longer-term solution for securing participant funding for future NWMB hearings; and

v) Evening meetings are an option; should it be required to ensure all hearing parties have a fair chance of providing their input on the Plan.

The points raised by the hearing parties included: i) questions and comments on the consultation process; ii) funding delegates for all Nunavut communities; iii) time allocated for each hearing party on the agenda; iv) potential date of the hearing; v) venue for hearing; and vi) funding for the host community delegate.

Since the teleconference on April 26th 2018, the NWMB has been able to secure the Cadet Hall in Iqaluit, which should be able to accommodate all the hearing parties including the public. The proposed dates are November 13-16, 2018 for a 4-day pubic hearing. Attached with this letter is the proposed agenda for the in-person hearing. The total time allocated to hearing parties is as follows:

Organization	Total Time
Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment	4 hours and 25 minutes
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	3 hours and 30 minutes
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife & Hunters and Trappers Organizations AND Qikiqtani Inuit Association	6 hours and 30 minutes
Kivalliq Wildlife & Hunters and Trappers Organizations AND Kivalliq Inuit Association	4 hours and 45 minutes
Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife & Hunters and Trappers Organizations AND Kitikmeot Inuit Association	4 hours and 45 minutes

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Environment and Climate Change Canada	2 hours and 45 minutes
Parks Canada Agency	1 hour and 45 minutes
World Wildlife Fund	50 minutes
Public Comments/Questions	55 minutes

Based upon the attached proposed agenda, the NWMB recommends that all of the organizations within each Region discuss and coordinate their individual oral submissions to fit within the overall regional allotted time (e.g. shared positions be put forward by the RWO, and individual community-specific concerns be raised separately). Should the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat (or relevant RWO or Regional Inuit Association) wish to set up a call within each Region to discuss such coordination, NWMB staff are prepared to offer advice and suggestions if requested.

In advance of the proposed public hearing on November 13-16, 2018, **the NWMB is open to additional written submissions from the hearing parties. These additional submissions must be received by the NWMB by 5pm Eastern Time on the 12th of October, 2018.**

Please provide your comments on NWMB's proposed way forward, as set out in this letter and accompanying draft hearing agenda, to resume the in-person public hearing regarding the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment's Proposal on the *Nunavut Polar Bear Co-management Plan* by **July 11th 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

David Kritterdlik

David Kritterdlik,
Acting Chairperson of the
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c.c. Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife, Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment;
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Caroline Ladanowski, Director, Wildlife Management and Regulatory Affairs, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada;
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