



## Polar Bear Management Plan Written Submission

### Introduction

Issatik Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) are among the most important bodies created under the Nunavut Agreement (NA). They represent and provide service to Inuit in the communities on wildlife management and harvesting, program delivery, and are responsible for the implementation of several sections of the Nunavut Agreement.

### The Board of Directors recommendations and comments;

1. Page 49 #1 in the Draft Polar Bear Management Plan states, "all human caused mortality to polar bears will be taken from the TAH of the nearest community..." The board of directors feels that the tags are not taken from the closet community, for 2 reasons; one being Whale Cove have major issues and concerns for it is a migrating route when the polar bears are migrating from south to north and nuisance bears come across the community; and the other is asking for a chance to harvest a bear of our choice and traditionally.
2. Page 50 #4 in the Draft Polar Bear Management Plan states, "when a Nunavut beneficiary kills a bear, the tag will come from the person's home community if that community has a TAH in the population that the bear was harvested from, otherwise, the nearest community must provide the tag."...the Board of Directors are asking for Page 49 #1 and Page 50 #4 to be observed more closely.