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**Kitikmeot Regional  
Wildlife Board**

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Attn: Manasie Audlakiak, Acting Chairperson  
**Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**  
P.O. Box 1379  
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Dear Mr. Audlakiak;

**Re: Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board Concerns Discussed at Recent Annual General Meeting**

#### **KRWB Executive**

First of all, I'd like to inform you that the KRWB held their annual general meeting in Cambridge Bay on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. In that meeting, James Paniqyak was elected vice chairperson and James Qitsualik was elected secretary treasurer. The KRWB also passed a motion in hiring Ema Qaggutaq as their full-time liaison officer. The KRWB also talked about reviewing RWO and HTO by-laws in making changes to have clearer election rules and procedures. The Board felt that not enough support or attention is given to the Kitikmeot region. The KRWB requested that the NWMB locate an office in the Kitikmeot region.

#### **Wildlife and co-management partners**

A number of wildlife management concerns were raised as well. The extended polar bear harvesting moratorium in the M'Clintock channel was discussed and the KRWB was frustrated to see the length of the standstill. Government of Nunavut will soon be conducting community consultations and the KRWB has expressed their appreciation in this step.

#### **Research and development**

Other discussions included the need for research on caribou and caribou management. Especially the Peary and Dolphin-union herds (island caribou). Representatives of Gjoa-Haven and Cambridge Bay HTOs as well as co-management partners from the NWT HTC's, GNWT attended the Canadian Wildlife Service Peary caribou meetings in Yellowknife subsequent to the KRWB AGM. This was CWS's step in creating a management system for caribou with the mentioned co-management partners.

The KRWB also supported the collection of oral history from Inuit elders as this is an important step in wildlife management as well. It was emphasized that elders are the most experienced hunters and that their knowledge should be recorded before it is lost.

#### **Administrative issues**

