Baffin Bay Polar Bear Concerns from Pond/Mittimatalik HTO

- The Baffin Bay population has not been surveyed by researchers, the public hearing should be postponed for at least five years or longer while the survey is being conducted and the quotas should not be changed until the Nunavut Government can produce accurate survey results.
- If the quota is going to be reduced or there is a moratorium we will take it as an indication that we can hunt anytime. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board is going to make a decision that will seem like an amputation of one arm from the hunter. You will have to keep in mind that it will be up to us whenever we want to hunt polar bears we will do so. Hunting for subsistence by Inuit is the most important aspect of our culture.
- 3. Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is included in the Wildlife Regulations, and the Minister had approved it also states that Inuit knowledge will be utilized more in the regulations. It also includes the Eiders Research Committee, who oversees these. The Minister as already contravened his regulations that had to be followed according the Inuit knowledge.
- 4. Also we will want clarification in writing from the DOE, that in the last five years how many male polar bears have been killed and how many female with cubs have been killed, so that we can believe it. We will want to be assured that there is written documents we can see, if there is non the Public Hearing will have to be postponed.
- 5. Also the Baffin Bay is just a route from the other areas, from Davis Strait, Lancaster Sound. Because of the current in the water they come from Kain Basin area, also the ice is moving all the time. Because of this it will never run out of polar bears as the polar bears are always moving in the offshore.