

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Letter of recommendation for NMRWB Re: Foxe Basin Polar Bear Sub-population

Meeting was held today through teleconference July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 between RNUKS, LNUKS of Puvirnitug, Akulivik, Ivujivik and Salluit, NMRWB and Makivik to discuss the upcoming public hearing in Iqaluit September 10 and 11, 2013 over the Polar Bear sub-population of Foxe Basin, which to be presided by NMWB of Nunavut.

The position taken by the community hunters of Foxe Basin are as follows, Firstly, there are no quotas yet set for the Nunavik hunters to harvest polar bears but a guaranteed harvest numbers of 62 annually set by JBNQA section 24.???, for the whole area of Nunavik, this alone has been effective and endorsed by hunters of Nunavik, secondly, on average the kills, either by opportunity or by defense kill are about 6 to 10 kills and seems that defense kills are increasing, secondly, as for sharing the harvested numbers of polar bears with hunters of Nunavut at Foxe Basin should be fair and be shared equally meaning allocations of total allowable catches between Nunavut and Nunavik hunters should be 50/50 at least, following the Cites conference in Thailand ITK with Nunavut Government and Makivik successfully lobbied the delegates to cancel down the resolution of USA delegates wishes, end result of that is we are still continuing selling the polar bear furs and we are grateful for that.

Following the wishes of participants of this meeting, each community from Salluit, Ivujivik, Akulivik and Puvirntug will appoint two delegates to attend the Iqaluit Polar Bear hearing, in addition two delegates from RNUK executives.

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