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Mr. Ross Tatty
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Dear Mr. Tatty

Re: Total Allowable harvest for Western Hudson Bay polar bear sub population.

Thank you for your letter of August 18, 2014 regarding establishment of a new Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for Western Hudson Bay, before end of this current harvest season.

This request should be sent to the NWMB as they are the main instrument for wildlife management under the NLCA for establishing or setting new TAH on wildlife species in Nunavut. I know the NWMB is aware of the urgency of establishing a new TAH for The Western Hudson Bay sub population before it reverts back to 8 after this harvest season. The last TAH was established for a specific period ending at the end of June 2015. The board did identify in their decision that they will re-assess this TAH when they receive the report from Environment Canada. This report is now available and we were informed by them that this report can be used for Western Hudson Bay polar bear management decision making. The findings in this report were also presented to the WHB HTO representatives at a meeting in Rankin earlier this year. The Government of Nunavut will provide our position and input during the NWMB public hearing process.

I will unfortunately not be able to attend your annual AGM due to other commitments but DoE staff will attend to respond to the relevant Terrestrial Wildlife agenda items.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) – 075 7734 or at Dgissing@gov.nu.ca

The Department of Environment looks forward to continuing to work together with the KWB and other co-management partners on this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,

22/09/2014

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