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RE: POLAR BEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING:

Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization Board of Directors met with many of delegates from Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Department of Environment, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated for a Western Hudson Bay polar bear consultant. The consultation went very well. The aerial survey combined with a final survey results of this study produced an estimate of eight hundred and forty-two (842) bears in the year 2016.

The Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization is requesting the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to set the Total Allowable Harvest by July of 2018 in place for the year 2018. The Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization holds its Annual General Meeting at the end of October/first week of November, where the Western Hudson Bay tags allocated to Arviat are discussed and drawn. The Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization would like the Total Allowable Harvest numbers set before the Annual General Meeting and look forward to future meetings to allocate the future Total Allowable Harvest.

For the year, 2018, the Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization Board of Directors' goal is to ask for 60 Polar Bear Tags if that makes it easier for Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact the Arviat Hunters & Trappers Organization's chairperson, Thomas Alikasua or Secretary Manager, Andrea Ishalook.

Signed,

Thomas Alikasua
Arviat HTO Chairperson

CC: NIWS, KWB, Kivalliq HTOs, NTI