

## **Ekaluktutiak Hunters & Trappers Organization**

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Iqaluit, Nu Attn: Jason Akearok, Executive Director

RE: Dolphin & Union (D/U) Caribou Herd Sports Hunt - Community Management Initiative

Mr. Akearok,

The Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization (EHTO) made a board decision to continue the FY-2016/17 sports hunt at twenty-five (25) tags for EHTO, five (5) tags for local outfitters and five (5) tags for High Arctic Lodge Sports hunts which is thirty-five (35) tags in total for the Dolphin/Union caribou herd.

Next fall FY-2017/18, the EHTO will voluntarily reduce the number of tags allocated to the Ekaluktutiak Sports Hunt Limited (ESHL) to ten (10) tags. For the time-being, the local outfitters and High Arctic Lodge Sports hunts allocation will remain the same with five (5) each.

The EHTO is not giving up its' total allowable harvest for sports hunts, but only voluntarily placing a reduction. Annually, the EHTO will review the number of tags with recommendations to be allocated to the sports hunt of the Dolphin/Union caribou herd.

The EHTO board is also suggesting the non-beneficiary resident's allocation to be reduced from five (5) tags down to two (2) tags. Although this may go against the entitlement in the New Nunavut Wildlife Act, the EHTO has rarely been encountered by non-beneficiary residents to acquire more than two (2) tags.

Regards,

For: Bobby Greenley EHTO, Chairman

Cc: Lisa-Marie Leclerc, Regional Biologist, Department of Environment, GN

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