**Consultation Record with Arctic Bay**

**From:** Orman, Lynda
**Sent:** August 17, 2016 12:58 PM
**To:** 'HTA Manager'
**Cc:** Anderson, Morgan
**Subject:** RE: Musk-ox Tags for Devon Island

HI Grace,

Many thanks to the HTO and we look forward to working very closely with the Arctic Bay Hunters and Trappers’ Association and that of the other interested communities of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay in sustainably managing and optimizing Inuit harvest opportunities on the muskox of Devon Island in 2016-2017 and going forward.

Qujannamiik,

Lynda



**From:** HTA Manager [mailto:hto\_ab@qiniq.com]
**Sent:** August 17, 2016 10:43 AM
**To:** Orman, Lynda
**Subject:** Musk-ox Tags for Devon Island

Hi Lynda,

We HTO Of Arctic Bay would certainly like to thank you for providing very good information about Devon Island musk-ox tags, and HTO will work with you closely, again thank you.

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**From:** Orman, Lynda
**Sent:** August 11, 2016 2:59 PM
**To:** 'hto\_ab@qiniq.com'
**Cc:** Anderson, Morgan
**Subject:** Devon Island Muskox
**Importance:** High

Hello Grace and Jobie,

Biologist Morgan Anderson is currently out on the Prince of Wales and Sommerset Island muskox and Peary caribou survey or she would be contacting you today.

Further to Biologist Morgan Anderson’s recent letter to you and then following our telephone call last week, I was wondering if the Arctic Bay HTO Board has some recommendations on muskox harvest management for Devon Island? This would be in terms of the following options which I believe Morgan discussed with you:

1. remove the TAH in light of good abundance; however, harvest monitoring and community coordination would not be easily facilitated without the use of tags
2. increase the TAH from 15 to 100 muskox with tags, which can help facilitate harvest coordination and help maintain the harvest data base for co-management
3. Or a combination whereby the TAH could be removed the first year (2016-17) with unlimited Inuit harvest, communities could agree to having harvest monitoring in place, and a coordinated community hunt could proceed among the three communities (Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord); following this, a TAH of 100 could be put in place for subsequent years.

The Department of Environment recognizes that it would be beneficial for Inuit to harvest Muskox on Devon Island not only for the immediate families of these communities, but perhaps also to help facilitate the supply of meat to other communities on Baffin Island where caribou country food is currently scarce. Along with option 3) for your consideration, DOE would be receptive to a request from the communities for assistance in helping to coordinate such a large community hunt in 2016-17, with an intention to try to facilitate some of the logistics in terms of getting the meat distributed among communities if the hunt was successful. While DOE is open to such a request, this would be subject to the Department finding the resources to assist in this way, if asked.

Please let me know the Board’s thoughts on the above 3 options, and I would appreciate it if you could get back to me by reply email tomorrow, and/or with your Board’s Resolution on this.

Many Thanks,

Qujannamiik,

Lynda Orman

Manager Wildlife Research

Department of Environment



-----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Morgan [mailto:MAnderson@GOV.NU.CA]

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 2:52 PM

To: hto\_ab@qiniq.com

Subject: Devon Island muskox

Hello,

I'm wondering if the HTO would be interested in some results on our most recent survey of Devon Island, I know people from Arctic Bay have hunted muskoxen there in the past. We flew the island in March with 11 observers from Grise Fiord and Resolute and found that the muskox population was much higher than historically - in 2008 there was a survey that estimated about

500 muskoxen on the island, and we estimated closer to 2,000 this spring. We only saw 14 Peary caribou, but in 2008 they only saw 17, and since Resolute and Grise haven't noticed any major changes, I expect they're stable at low densities. I'm currently discussing options for moving forward with changing the muskox quota with Grise and Resolute and would appreciate any input from Arctic Bay as well. There's only 15 tags for Devon Island right now but clearly that could be increased. The TAH could potentially be removed, or increased to around 100 tags, which might make it easier for the communities to coordinate harvest efforts while still encouraging higher harvest.

I'm in Resolute for fieldwork at the moment but I'll be flying down around Aug 15-20, and I'd be happy to meet with the HTO in person to discuss. I expect there might be some more interest in harvesting muskoxen with Baffin Island caribou being so low.

Morgan Anderson

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From: Orman, Lynda

Sent: August 3, 2016 12:24 PM

To: 'hto\_ab@qiniq.com'

Cc: Anderson, Morgan

Subject: HTO AB resolution on Devon Island MX

HI Grace,

Nice to talk to you and Jobie on the phone this morning.

Here is my email contact and that of GN Biologist, Morgan Anderson, if you could please forward the resolution by the Arctic Bay HTO on Devon Island MX management action in light of population increase (fourfold) this Friday, if possible.

This would be in response to the options proposed by Biologist, Morgan Anderson, in her information letter to the Board, which Jobie said was read out at yesterday’s meeting.

Qujannamiik,

**Consultation Record with Grise Fiord**

**From:** Orman, Lynda
**Sent:** August 11, 2016 3:16 PM
**To:** 'gfiviq\_hta@qiniq.com'
**Cc:** Anderson, Morgan
**Subject:** FW: Devon Island Muskox
**Importance:** High

Hello Jaypetee and Terry,

Biologist Morgan Anderson is currently out on the Prince of Wales and Sommerset Island muskox and Peary caribou survey or she would be contacting you today.

Further to Biologist Morgan Anderson’s recent meeting with you, I was wondering if the Grise Fiord HTA Board has some recommendations on muskox harvest management for Devon Island? This would be in terms of the following options which I believe Morgan discussed with you:

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Many Thanks,

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Lynda Orman

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**Consultation Record with Resolute**

**From:** Orman, Lynda
**Sent:** August 11, 2016 3:20 PM
**To:** 'rbhta@qiniq.com'
**Cc:** Anderson, Morgan
**Subject:** FW: Devon Island Muskox
**Importance:** High

Hello Philip and Nancy,

Biologist Morgan Anderson is currently out on the Prince of Wales and Sommerset Island muskox and Peary caribou survey or she would be contacting you today.

Further to Biologist Morgan Anderson’s recent meeting with you, I was wondering if the Resolute Bay HTA Board has some recommendations on muskox harvest management for Devon Island? This would be in terms of the following options which I believe Morgan discussed with you:

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Qujannamiik,

Lynda Orman

Manager Wildlife Research

Department of Environment



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From: Anderson, Morgan

Sent: August 6, 2016 11:23 AM

To: Orman, Lynda

Subject: RE: HTO AB resolution on Devon Island MX

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I heard back from Resolute that they support raising the TAH to 100 and they'll do a resolution to that effect, so that's good, and I'll follow up with Arctic Bay.

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From: Orman, Lynda

Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 10:25 AM

To: Anderson, Morgan

Subject: RE: HTO AB resolution on Devon Island MX

HI Morgan,

Jobie said they read out your letter at the meeting and discussed it (supportive) and will make their resolution to send today. So I don't actually know what it is yet and in conversation I just referred to the options you had laid out in your letter to them, not wanting to influence them one way or the other.

Please follow-up with Grace/ Jobie and see if you can receive their resolution today?

Thank you,

Lynda

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From: Anderson, Morgan

Sent: August 5, 2016 10:15 AM

To: Orman, Lynda

Subject: RE: HTO AB resolution on Devon Island MX

Hi Lynda - what was the resolution that AB passed? I've requested Grise and Resolute also submit board resolutions and Grise was intending to but I haven't heard if they've submitted anything.

Morgan

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From: Orman, Lynda

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:26 PM

To: Anderson, Morgan

Subject: RE: HTO AB resolution on Devon Island MX

HI Morgan,

Similarly, if you’re also able to obtain HTO resolutions from Grise and Resolute, we can send those resolutions with your Devon MX BN NWMB and Report abstract/discussion to NWMB (deadline next week).

Jobie called this morning and said that their HTO would be able to send us the resolution by this Friday.

Thanks,