

KIVALLIQ WILDLIFE BOARD

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NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT PROPOSAL ON  
THE REVISED POLAR BEAR CO-MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kivalliq Wildlife Board  
Stanley Adjuk, Chairperson

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Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit about polar bears reaches far into the past and many Inuit express that polar bear populations are currently higher than they ever were from the early 1900s to the 1970s. In an IQ study done by Nirlungayuk and Lee<sup>12</sup>, hunters and Elders who frequently and extensively travelled the land and sea in the Kivalliq and Western Hudson Bay reported seeing very few polar bears during this time period and note that more recently, since the 1980s, polar bears have been seen with greater frequency.

<sup>12</sup> Nirlungayuk, G. & Lee, D. S. (2009). A Nunavut Inuit perspective on Western Hudson Bay polar bear management and the consequences for conservation hunting. In M. M. R. Milton & L. Foote (Eds.), *Inuit, polar bears, and sustainable use: Local, national, and international perspectives* (pp. 135-142). Edmonton, AB: CCI Press.



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