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Ben Kovic, NWMB Chairperson
RE: Southampton Island Caribou TAH and BNL

In the Kivalliq Wildlife Board Annual General Meeting held in Arviat, Nunavut in October 28-31, 2013; the Kivalliq Wildlife Board passed resolution #KWB-AGM-2013-002 stating the following:

“Therefore, be it resolved that the KWB supports both the recommended reduction in the TAH for the SHI Caribou Herd (including White Island) from 1,000 caribou/year to 800/year (maintaining existing NQLs), and the need for all harvesters of the SHI caribou herd to adhere to all TAHs and NQLs as described within the SHI caribou Herd Management Plan and associated recommendations”.

The decision came from the Kivalliq Wildlife Board after reviewing the fact that Inuit Qauyimayatuqangit and scientific information both have shown that the SHI caribou population (including White Island) may have declined below the needs of the Coral Harbour community due to disease and commercial sales of caribou meat. Because of the decline of SHI caribou herd, co-management partners such as GN DOE, KWB, NTI and NWMB set an emergency TAH to promote recovery of the population. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board was in support of the existing Southampton Island caribou management plan; which was created by Aiviit HTO (Coral Harbour) with assistance from the GN’s Department of Environment in 2011.

The current Basic Needs Level (BNL) is set to 6500, for the communities of Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, and Rankin Inlet. GN DOE Acting Senior Manager David Vetra, and Regional Wildlife biologist Mitch Campbell, along with KWB’s Chairperson Ross Tatty, and KWB Treasurer Barney Aggark attended Aiviit HTO (Coral Harbour) board of directors in a regular meeting held Monday, April 28, 2014 to clarify their previous and current standing in regards to Southampton Island caribou herd including White and Coats Island. The Aiviit HTO board of directors have agreed on staying in the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of eight hundred for 2014/2015.

GN’s Department of Environment is proposing a population assessment for Southampton Island (including White Island) in the year 2015. The GN’s department of environment has committed to assessing/monitoring caribou crossing in between Southampton Island and mainland by Vansittart Island within a few weeks. After a population assessment of Southampton Island caribou herd, the Aiviit HTO board of directors are planning on reviewing and making decisions in regards to SHI caribou herd BNL and TAH in 2015.



The Kivalliq Wildlife Board is supporting Aiviit HTO in its current decision in reducing the TAH from 1,000 to 800. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board will continue to support Aiviit HTO in the future in regards to wildlife management and would like to continue working together.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the Kivalliq Wildlife Board regional coordinator, Leah M. Muckpah at kwb@niws.ca or (867) 857-6921; or KWB Executive directors Ross Tatty at rosstatty@gmail.com and Barney Aggark at pamioq_86@hotmail.com

Sincerely;

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