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Dear Mr. Akavak;

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Decision on the Total Allowable Harvest for the Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear Population.

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 2011, advising of the decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) on the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for the Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear Population (WH). To reiterate, your decision is to:

"...increase the regional total allowable harvest to 38 for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation for the 2011-2012 harvest season only and that the overharvests from 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 harvest seasons be reconciled."

Please be advised that pursuant to section 5.3.9(a) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement I hereby accept this decision, and will proceed forthwith to implement it.

As per my August 18, 2011 letter and your decision, reconciling the accumulated overharvest from the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 harvest seasons will result in an available TAH of 21 for Nunavut. As such I will set the TAH at 21 for the 2011-2012 harvest season.

Thank you for your considered decision and for providing it promptly. I look forward to the continued cooperation of the Board in reaching effective management solutions for Nunavut's wildlife.

Sincerely,

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