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### Proposal for Polar Bear Management

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1. Hunter on the land has been killed by a bear in Kivalliq.
2. Hunters while in camp almost lost life near Arctic Bay.
3. Hunters are losing cache meat to hungry bears.
4. Seal pups born are caught and eaten by bears at Baffin Bay area.
5. Hunters are losing Polar Bear Quota tags due to bears being caught going to camps due to bears being caught going to camps (emergency kill only).
6. Hunters using Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit cache meat for winter months using \$20,000 for hunting equipment such as boat, motors, grub, gas, bullets, etc. when in fact they will be losing meat to bears.

Therefore we request a public hearing or through documents:

- Communities be allowed to hunt bears if they come within 1 mile of a community and not affect quota including hunting areas also where meat is cached. And spring camps where seal pup is hunted in all inlets between Qikiqtarjuaq and inlets up to Pond Inlet area. (Baffin Bay area)
- Community HTO's in Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet have hearing for seal and birthing areas.



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To Board of  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Review Board  
Iqaluit, Nu

May 17, 2017

**RE: Resubmission of the Draft Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan Review**

Mittimatalik HTO Board has reviewed the Resubmission of the Draft Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan and have following comments and suggestion based on their review.

**1. Mittimatalik HTO would like to see Polar Bear Quota be removed within Baffin Region and Baffin Bay area; for reason being;**

- Quota for Nunavut Beneficiaries should not be necessary to hunt Polar Bear because quota is useless for Inuit hunters, as we don't have benefit to sell furs to outside Canada and UK was not to transport Polar Bear furs anymore from Baffin Bay area. Quota should only belong to Sport's Hunter's.

1. If re-movement of Quota becomes effective or approved. We would want the Hunter's and Trapper's Organization to Manage and Administer the Total Allowable Harvest in order to maintain the Polar Bear population. And establish a Polar Bear Administrative Committee to regulate and enforce the Polar Bear harvest and to come up with good plans about Total allowable Harvest of Polar Bear

2. If quota can't be removed we would like our Polar Bear quota increased to 80 Total Allowable Harvest because 21 Total Allowable Harvest is too low as Polar Bears population have been increasing. It's becoming a concern within our Wildlife and Environment. And increasing of Polar Bears has been causing so much disturbance within the food we eat; the caches of meats that are trying to be harvested by hunters are just getting eaten by Polar Bears. Not just the food we eat is being disturbed. Polar Bears are also being seen more getting close to the Communities that can cause danger to the community or even harm to

anyone. Also cabins are getting destroyed by Polar Bears. Hunter's work very hard to hunt and to harvest good food but the caches of meats are just getting eaten by Polar Bears therefore we want hunters to be compensated if the cache of meats gets eaten by Polar Bear or If cabin were destroyed by Polar Bear for reason being Gas, food supplies and Bullets are very expensive to buy and a lot of hunters are unemployed and work hard to harvest food for the community

3. Baffin Bay Polar Bear quota is being shared by 3 communities. We feel that each communities should have separate Quota. We want to see each communities have separate quota reason Polar Bear quota is too low when it's shared by 3 communities

## **2. Balancing Female and Male Polar Bear hunting**

We would like the Polar Bear hunting to be more balanced. For reason being

- Female Polar Bears with cubs have been seen more getting close to communities than male Polar Bears and it seems to be becoming more common and concerning because female Polar Bears are increasing because male Female Polar Bear with cubs are more increasing than Male Polar Bears are harvested more everywhere in Nunavut and Female Polar Bears are not getting cubs as they should because male Polar Bears are decreasing. And Female Polar Bears with cubs are known to be more dangerous to harm than male Polar Bear. Also sometimes Female Polar Bears get mistaken for male Polar Bear. Hunter's sometimes catch Female Polar Bear by mistake, when a hunter catches female Polar Bear by mistake 2 tags have to be eliminated. We would like that removed