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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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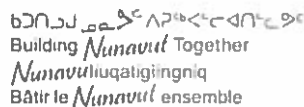
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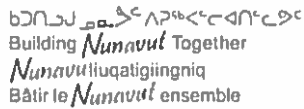


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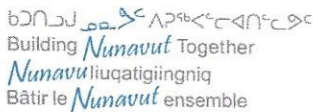
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Honourable Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq,

Re: Polar bear credit requests from Nangmoutaq (Clyde River) Hunters and Trappers Organization

On May 4th, 2017 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received communications from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board regarding requests for polar bear credits from the Nangmautaq Hunters and Trappers Organization. The Nangmautaq Hunters and Trappers Organization requested 2 female and 2 male polar bear credits from the Baffin Bay subpopulation. The request is for use in the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season. The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board indicated its support for approving the request (Appendix 1) and the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment confirmed that the credits are available for use.

The NWMB considered the requests during its internal in-camera teleconference on May 29th, 2017 (INT-005-2017) and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve, in accordance with the principles of conservation, the Nangmautaq Hunters and Trappers Organization's request for two (2) female polar bear credits and two (2) male polar bear credits from the Baffin Bay subpopulation for use during the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season, which is compliant with the "Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Baffin Bay Polar Bear Population" and its associated flexible quota system.

In making this decision, the NWMB considered the credit records for Clyde River from the subpopulations in question. The Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment has confirmed that there are 3 female polar bear credits and 46 male polar bear credits available from Baffin Bay for the Nangmoutaq Hunters and Trappers Organization (Appendix 2). By approving this request, Clyde Rivers' allocation of Baffin Bay polar bears will increase to 26 (9 females and 17 males).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

David Shulman

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Mike Harte, Polar Bear Harvest Technician, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment
James Qillaq, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board
Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization

- Appendix 1. Letter from Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board to NWMB supporting Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization request for polar bear credits
- Appendix 2. Letter from Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment to Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board confirming the available polar bear credits.



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28 April 2017

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**RE: REQUEST FROM NANGMAUTAQ HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS ORGANIZATION TO
DRAW TWO MALE POLAR BEAR CREDITS, AND TWO FEMALE POLAR BEAR CREDITS
FROM THE BAFFIN BAY POLAR BEAR SUBPOPULATION TO BE USED IN THE 2016/2017
POLAR BEAR HARVEST SEASON**

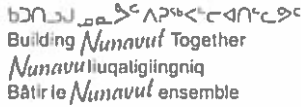
Dear Chairman Qillaq,

According to the letters and motion papers forwarded to the Polar Bear Harvest Lab on March 15, 2017, we are now aware that Nangmautaq HTO would like to utilize two male polar bear credits, and two female polar bear credits to be used during the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season. These credits will be used to replace 4 regular (TAH) harvest tags that were assigned to defence of life and/or property kills in the 2016/2017 harvest season.

It is the responsibility of the Polar Bear Harvest Lab to keep track of credits and historical harvest data. This letter is intended to provide you with current credit information for Nangmautaq HTO (with respect to the Baffin Bay polar bear subpopulation) and a brief summary of past harvest years.

Nangmautaq HTO currently has 43 male and 3 female polar bear credits available, which are sufficient to cover the request.

During the 2015/2016 harvest season Nangmautaq HTO harvested 25 bears with a sex ratio of 18 males to 6 females. This was in line with the recommended TAH of 25 (18 male: 7 female). The under harvest of 1 female provided Nangmautaq with 1.33 female credits. Three defense kills occurred in 2015/2016.



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