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Minister of Environment
Ministère de l'Environnement

May 3, 2012

Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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RE: Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization request to use polar bear credits for the 2011-2012 harvest season from the Davis Strait polar bear sub-population

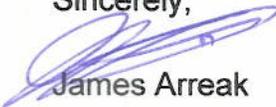
Dear Acting Chairperson;

Thank you for your letter of May 1st, 2012 regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision related to the use of polar bear credits by the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO).

I hereby accept the NWMB decision to approve the allocation to the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization of five (3 male, 2 female) out of the requested ten (7 male, 3 female) polar bear credits for the 2011-2012 harvest season from the Davis Strait sub-population. I will instruct my staff to implement the change and distribute additional tags to the Amarok HTO immediately.

The Department of Environment (DOE) will be sure to inform the Amarok HTO of the rationale behind the NWMB decision, which will safeguard the sub-population from conservation concerns related to potential over-harvest or defense kills.

Sincerely,


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Minister

Cc: James Qillaq - Chairman, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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