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## RE: Kimmirut 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 1, 2012 regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision related to the use of polar bear credits by the Kimmirut Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO).

I hereby accept the NWMB decision to approve the credit request of six (6) 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 Kimmirut HTO immediately.

The Department of Environment (DOE) will be working closely with the Kimmirut HTO to ensure that the harvest of these six (6) polar bears in the remainder of the 2011-2012 harvest season is restricted to males. DOE staff will monitor the harvest closely, and will ensure that the HTO and community are fully aware of the consequences of non-compliance. Should a female polar bear be harvested, I will take steps to halt the harvest for the remainder of the harvesting season.

Sincerely,

James Arreak Minister

Cc: James Qillaq - Chairman, Qikiqtaaluq Wildlife Board

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