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February 9, 2012

Mikidjuk Akavak
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
Box 1379
Iqaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Akavak;

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Final Decision on the Total Allowable Harvest for the Davis Strait Polar Bear Population.

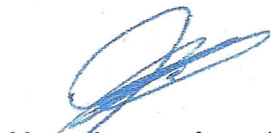
Thank you for your letter, received January 3, 2012, advising of the final decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) on the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for the Davis Strait Polar Bear Population (DS). To reiterate, your final decision was to increase the Nunavut TAH for DS by 30.

Please be advised that pursuant to section 5.3.13(c) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I hereby vary this decision. I am varying the final decision as follows: The Nunavut TAH for DS will be increased by 15 for a total of 61, effective in the 2012/2013 year.

I will forthwith take the steps necessary to implement the varied decision.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your letter advising me of the Board's final decision.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. James Arreak
Minister