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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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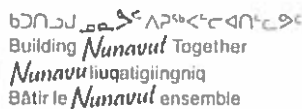
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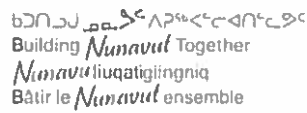
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April 22nd, 2017

Honourable Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq,

Re: Polar bear credit requests from Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association and Nattivak (Qikiqtarjuaq) Hunters and Trappers Organization

On December 14th, 2016 and on March 29th, 2017, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received communications from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board regarding two requests for polar bear credits from Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization (Qikiqtarjuaq) and Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association. Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization requested ten male polar bear credits from the Baffin Bay polar bear subpopulation, and Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association requested four male polar bear credits and two female polar bear credits from the Gulf of Boothia subpopulation. Both requests were for use in the 2016/2017 harvest season. The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board has indicated its support for approving both of the requests and the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment has confirmed that the credits are available for use.

The NWMB considered the requests during its Internal In-camera teleconference on April 20th, 2017 (INT003-2017) and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve, in accordance with the principles of conservation, the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization's request for ten (10) male polar bear credits from the Baffin Bay polar bear subpopulation for use during the 2016/2017 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.

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve, in accordance with the principles of conservation, the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association's request for four (4) male and two (2) female polar bear credits from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear subpopulation for use during the 2016/2017 harvest season, which is compliant with the 'Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Gulf of Boothia Polar Bear Population' and its associated flexible quota system.

In making this decision, the NWMB considered the credit records for both communities from the subpopulations in question. The Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment has confirmed that there are 51.9 male polar bear credits available from the Baffin Bay subpopulation for Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization, and there are four male and

two female polar bear credits available from the Gulf of Boothia subpopulation for Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association (Appendix 2). By approving these requests, the Qikiqtaaluk allocation of Baffin Bay polar bears will increase to fourteen (thirteen male polar bears and one female polar bear) , and the Hall Beach quota of Gulf of Boothia polar bears will increase to twelve (nine male polar bears and three female polar bears).

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

Sincerely,



Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Management, Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment;
Mike Harte, Polar Bear Harvest Technician, Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment;
James Qillaq, Chair, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization; and
Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association.

Appendix 1. Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board motion supporting Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization's request for polar bear credits.

Appendix 2. Letter from Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board to Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

Appendix 3. Letters from Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment to Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (2).

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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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WHEREAS: Nativak HTO submitted a request for additional polar bear tags from their Baffin Bay population credits;

WHEREAS: Nativak HTO requested to utilize 10 male credits from Baffin Bay Population;

WHEREAS: Government of Nunavut Polar Bear lab has indicated Nativak has sufficient Baffin Bay populations male credits;

THEREFORE be it resolved that

“QWB Board support Nativak HTO to receive 10 extra polar bear tags from their accumulated credits”

Moved: Joshua Kango

Seconded: Apiusie Apak

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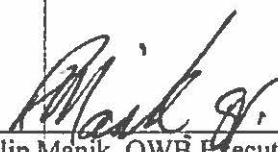
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Date: November 7, 2016


James Qillaq, Chairman

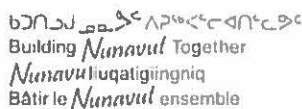

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March 29, 2017

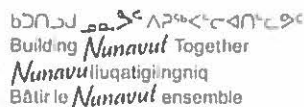
Re: Letter of Support for Polar Bear Credit Utilization

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our QWB staff; Jason Mikki, Regional Coordinator – 928-8430, email: nqwb@niws.ca

James Qillaq, Chairman
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board



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6 December 2016

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Chairman
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB)
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RE: REQUEST FROM HALL BEACH HTA TO DRAW SIX POLAR BEAR CREDITS FROM THE GULF OF BOOTHIA POLAR BEAR SUBPOPULATION TO BE USED IN THE 2016/2017 POLAR BEAR HARVEST SEASON

Dear Chairman Qillag,

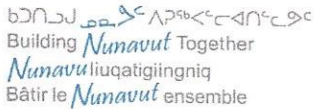
According to the letters and motion papers received by the Polar Bear Harvest Lab on November 23, 2016, we are now aware that Hall Beach HTA would like to utilize 4 male polar bear credits and 2 female polar bear credits, to be used during the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season. It is the responsibility 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 Hall Beach HTA (with respect to the Gulf of Boothia polar bear subpopulation) and a brief summary of past harvest years.

Hall Beach HTA currently has 4 male and 2 female polar bear credits available, which are sufficient to cover the request.

During the 2015/2016 harvest season Hall Beach HTA drew both one male and one female polar bear credit. This increased the TAH to 6 (4 male, 2 female) from 4 (3 male, 1 female). These credits remained unused with only 1 male and 1 female harvested. 3 male credits and 1 female credit were retained.

In the 2014/2015 season, Hall Beach HTA drew one male credit, increasing the TAH from 4 (3 male, 1 female) to 5 (4 male, 1 female). Only 2 males were harvested. Three male credits and 1 female credit were retained.

In 2013/2014, Hall Beach HTA drew two male credits and one female, increasing the TAH from 4 (3 male, 1 female) to 7 (5 male, 2 female). Four males and two females were harvested. One male credit was retained.





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