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August 29, 2012

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**Re: August 15, 2012 decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on the Total Allowable Harvest for the Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear Population**

Dear Mr. Kusugak;

I am writing in response to your letter of August 23, 2012 concerning the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision pertaining to the total allowable harvest (TAH) for the Western Hudson Bay (WH) polar bear sub-population.

To reiterate, your decision is to:

*"...approve a regional total allowable harvest (TAH) of twenty four (24) polar bears for the Western Hudson Bay subpopulation for three (3) years only, to be formally reviewed following the 2014-2015 harvesting season, or at such time as new relevant information based on eastern science and/or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit becomes available."*

I hereby accept the NWMB decision, and will forthwith take the steps necessary to implement it.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. James Arreak  
Minister