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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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**Re: QWB request for a flexible quota system for Devon Island Muskoxen**

Hello Daniel,

I am writing to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to request the implementation of a flexible carry-forward system for Devon Island muskox TAH.

Currently, the TAH for Devon Island muskoxen is 100. At our July Executive meeting, QWB confirmed that for the 2017/18 year, each of the eligible communities: Grise Fjord, Resolute Bay, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay should be allocated 25 tags each. The Executive also discussed improvements to the TAH system. The attached resolution was passed confirming this discussion and decision. The proposed system would allow unused tags to be carried forward for up to three years.

QWB understands that current population numbers of this subpopulation are healthy, and current harvest rates would not pose a significant impact to the population. QWB believes implementing a flexible quota system would not impact the sustainability of the population. As you are well aware, such a system is in place for both Narwhal and Polar Bear.

We believe that there are significant benefits of establishing such a flexible, carry-forward TAH system. The communities must travel significant distances to harvest this subpopulation. A flexible system could allow the communities to organize larger harvests, either on their own or in conjunction with the other communities. This could enable economies of scale with the results of such organized hunts being distributed amongst participating communities or sold commercially.

Thank you for your consideration,

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James Qillaq, Chair  
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board



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