



Canadian Wildlife Service
Box 1714, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Month DD, YYYY

«Name», «Title»
«Organization»
«Address»
«City», «ProvinceTerritory» «Postal_Code»

RE: Species at Risk Act Consultation on Proposed Listing of the Polar Bear

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) has reviewed the status of the Polar Bear. COSEWIC has recommended the Federal Government list Polar Bear as Special Concern in Canada under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). Before the Federal Government decides whether to add Polar Bears to the SARA list, we need to consult with you.

The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) is planning to visit all Nunavut communities to hold meetings with HTO Directors as well as hold public meetings. At these meetings, we want to share information and get your feedback on the proposed listing. Your observations and comments on the potential impacts of the listing of polar bears are important to us. All responses will be reviewed, assessed and weighed for the recommendation as to whether or not polar bears should be added to the SARA list. Listing the Polar Bear as Special Concern would not result in any prohibitions or designation of critical habitat, but it would require preparation of a national management plan for the species. If the Polar Bear is listed, communities would be consulted on the management plan.

We will be trying to visit several communities in one trip. Based on our current schedule, we are hoping that the «Organization» Directors are available to meet in the afternoon of «Proposed Date» and that we could hold a public meeting in the evening. ***Let us know if this date works for you by filling in the response form and faxing it to 867-975-4645 before January 12, 2009.***

An information package will be sent out mid-late January to give you the opportunity to review the information that will be presented during the consultation. It will also allow the «Organization» Directors to develop any questions or concerns ahead of time.

Please call me or Moosie Qaunirq (867-975-4642 or Moosie.Qaunirq@ec.gc.ca) if you have any questions or need more information. I look forward to hearing from you. Please be advised that ***Moosie Qaunirq*** will be contacting you to confirm the meeting schedule.

Thank you,

Heather Main
Ph: 867-857-2788 until January 12, 2009/ Ph: 867-975-4748 after January 12, 2009
Fax: 867-975-4645



Polar Bears

Proposed Listing as a Species of Special Concern

Response Form

Would the «Organization» like CWS to visit «City» to talk about the proposed listing of Polar Bears?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If your answer is YES:

Is «Proposed Date» a good date to meet?

☐ Yes

☐ No

- HTO Directors Meeting – afternoon

☐ Yes

☐ No

- Public Meeting – evening

☐ Yes

☐ No

Once we get your response, we will call you to make arrangements for the meeting.

If your answer is NO:

After you receive the information package in mid-late January, you can respond to CWS in writing regarding your position on the proposed listing of the polar bear as Special Concern. The package will contain more instructions on how to do so.

**We want to hear from you.
Please fax this form to
867- 975-4645**

Signature: _____

Date: _____