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«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 assessed Polar Bear as a species of Special Concern in Canada. Before the Federal Government decides whether to list Polar Bears under the Species at Risk Act (SARA), 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, and considered by the Minister of the Environment and Nunavut Wildlife Management Board in deciding whether or not to recommend that 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.

Purpose of this package

- Provide general information about the *Species at Risk Act* in Nunavut
- Provide a summary of the COSEWIC status report on Polar Bear
- Provide an opportunity for the HTO to comment on the proposed listing of the Polar Bear

What is included in this package?

- DVD with two PowerPoint presentations (English and Inuktitut). These have sound so you will need speakers or headphones to listen to them.
 - *Species at Risk Act* general information (English and Inuktitut)
 - Polar Bear Species at Risk Proposed Listing presentation (English and Inuktitut)
- Paper copies of these two presentations (English and Inuktitut)
- COSEWIC Polar Bear Assessment and Status Report (English and Inuktitut)
- Plain Language Summary/Highlights of COSEWIC Report (English and Inuktitut)



We will be trying to visit several communities in one trip. Based on our current schedule, we are hoping that the «Organization» Directors are still available to meet on <<proposed date>>.

If based on this package, the HTO feels a meeting is not necessary and that it has enough information to respond in writing to CWS regarding their position on the proposed listing of polar bear as Special Concern (i.e. oppose, support or are indifferent), please provide us your formal position and any other comments, concerns or information that they feel should be considered by the NWMB or the Minister of Environment by [XXXX](#) so that we can include it in a consultation report to the NWMB and to the Minister of Environment. A form is attached at the end of this letter for your convenience or if you would prefer to send CWS a letter, please find the contact address below.

Please call me if you have any questions or need more information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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

Polar Bears

Proposed Listing as a Species of Special Concern

The «[Organization](#)» has indicated that they do not need CWS to visit «[City](#)» to talk about the proposed listing of Polar Bears because we have enough information to make a decision on our position/opinion on the proposed listing of polar bear as Special Concern.

The HTO's position/opinion on the proposed listing of Polar Bear as Special Concern:

- ☐ The «[Organization](#)» Directors support the listing of Polar Bear as Special Concern
- ☐ The «[Organization](#)» Directors do not support the listing of Polar Bear as Special Concern
- ☐ The «[Organization](#)» Directors are indifferent to the listing of Polar Bear as Special Concern

If you did not include a letter with this form, will you be sending one? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When can we expect to receive it? _____

- Tell us your formal position (supports, does not support, or indifferent) and any other comments, concerns or information that should be considered in listing Polar Bears as Special Concern

Please forward your letters to: **Species at Risk Biologist**, Canadian Wildlife Service
Box 1714, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Please send this form or your letter by [\[consultation submission deadline\]](#) so that we can include it in a consultation report to the NWMB and to the Minister of Environment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____