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Re: High Arctic Peary Caribou

Dear Mr. Tigullaraq,

The Iviq HTO at their workshop in Resolute Bay with their HTA have brought up some concerns and comments on the Peary Caribou being considered to be put into a Total allowed harvest system.

Both Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord have been working hard on the Management plan for some years as they have understood that following the COSEWIC recommendation that it be given to the NWMB and requires community consultation before they make a decision.

With that in mind we the Iviq HTO have noticed and seen that we have been missed out on some notices and noticed that there is miss communication and have not been informed on meetings and have information only through CBC radio and through news. We were shocked and a surprised to be informed on a week notices that TAH is being considered on Peary caribou.

As the IQ of Inuit are not heard or cannot be used as they are not recognized as not written on paper as scientist go by written note only, have been a set back throughout the research and surveys, with the Inuit IQ not recognized, but have been taught by verbal and by observation only.

The Iviq HTO have not seen the draft 6 MOU which we noticed that it was in the binder of NWMB special meeting #12, which the Iviq HTO had waited for patiently.

Listed below are concerns and comments brought up by the community of Grise Fiord hunters and board.

- The Iviq HTO board would like for you to wait before the survey is done, which is still is an ongoing research and survey until 2008.
- The boundaries should be removed as animals go anywhere they can and do not understand boundaries, GF HTO recommend that it be one whole zone.
- Include the Islands, which are not included on the noted boundary as hunters go to the Islands to hunt in area also.
- That there be no more physical contact on animals as Inuit IQ no animal is to be bothered if not to be used as food, for any reason.

The Iviq HTO has in the past requested that NWMB meet with the local hunters and HTO for a public

consultation, as they have been consultations on other matter with the animals in concern.

The Iviq HTO and Resolute Bay HTA have drafted a proposal to further monitor the Peary Caribou with the research that the Parks have used which we have observed as being the best method as not to be in contact physically with the caribou.

Also the researches methods to us Inuit are a concern as to the way Inuit live in area year round and researchers and survey are done in one to two month in the year and there way will never agree with us who live and hunt and observe them the way we see and live with the animals.

We strongly recommend that our concerns be heard at your meeting on this matter of this important subject on Peary caribou.

We urge NWMB not to make a decision that will have a detrimental impact on the well being of hunters in Grise Fiord. We have always stated that TAH should be determined in a process that involves all levels of parties concerned. We feel Grise Fiord HTO was not duly involved when the TAH was determined. We want to take part and be fully involved in this process. Only when the survey is complete should a TAH be considered.

If further information is need please contact us at the above address and or numbers.

Sincerely,


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