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April 5, 2007

Hon. Patterk Netser Minister of Environment Government of Nunavut Paul Kaludjak President Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

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Re: Special Meeting No. 12 - Dates and location of Session C, and an extension regarding certain final response submissions

Dear Colleagues:

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled Session C of Special Meeting No. 12 to take place in Iqaluit from May 15 to 17, 2007, at the Navigator Inn. The NWMB looks forward to the ongoing participation of your organizations in the Special Meeting No. 12 process, which is expected to conclude with Session C.

With respect to submissions filed with the Board for this Session, it is not clear to the NWMB whether all participants have received copies of the letter filed by the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization (dated February 23, 2007) and the letter filed by the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association (undated, received by the NWMB on March 12, 2007). Accordingly, attached to this letter are copies of those two submissions.

The NWMB had indicated in its January 19, 2007 letter to you - and in its *Rules for NWMB Special Meeting Number 12, Session C* (attached) - that all response submissions were to be filed with the Board by 5:00 PM on March 23, 2007. However, because you may not have received the Iviq and Resolute Bay letters on time, the NWMB has decided to extend the time for filing response submissions - **to those two letters only** - to no later than 5:00 PM on May 4, 2007.

Written, translated response submissions may be filed in person, by courier, by mail, by fax or by e-mail to the NWMB at the following co-ordinates:

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Please ensure that all documents submitted are clearly marked as pertaining to NWMB Special Meeting No. 12 Session C – Queen Elizabeth Islands Peary Caribou.

Documents are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the Board. Unless persuasive reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials during Session C that are not filed on time.

Please continue to keep in mind the following two essential points:

- The more reliable and persuasive your supporting evidence and justifications are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims* Agreement (NLCA) decision-making process; and
- The NWMB is permitted by the NLCA to review total allowable harvests and basic needs levels from time to time and as circumstances require. If new or updated evidence arises, the NWMB can promptly review and consider adjustments to existing harvest levels.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Yours sincerely,

Joe **Ti**gullaraq Chairperson

c.c. Jaypatee Akeeagok, Chairperson, Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization; Isaac Kalluk, Chairperson, Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association; Chairpersons, Nunavut Hunters and Trappers Organizations

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February 23, 2007

Joe Tigullaraq Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Box 1379 Igaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0

Re: The potential establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest and Basic Need Level for Peary Caribou in the Queen Elizabeth Islands.

Dear Mr. Tigullaraq,

Thank you for the information on the above subject, in response to it.

The Iviq HTO would like to clarify to you that the proposed counted caribou is not accurate, we have noted in the past and to our understanding that they were not to be included in the harvest study. The harvested animals reported by Curtis Didham (GN) are flawed and are inaccurate as the hunters were never informed that there kills were to be identified.

We also feel the proposed boundary lines should be removed, as animal do not respect the imaginary boundary lines.

The numbers that are issued were done behind hunters back (without the knowledge). As you are well aware that there was no mandatory reporting systems, our assumption now is that the kill reports may be

We are strongly urging our board to hold public hearing on the important issue of total allowable harvest on Peary Caribou also on the species when needs arise. This would definitely comply to Federal Government process when they feel animals should be listed under SARA list.

The total allowable harvest issues are not just a simple matter which should be dealt within the offices but allow the hunters to be involved. A public hearing would definitely upgrade the status quo which have had negative impacts among the hunters in the past.

Once again, we would further recommend that no total allowable harvest be established prior to completion of population survey on all areas.

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

Jaypatee Akeeagok

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To: Joe Tigullaraq Chairman NWMB Iqaluit NU Fax 1-867-975-7320

re: Peary caribou TAH & BNL

Board of Director would like to apologize for not replying before the dead line of February 23,2007. Director had not had a meeting due to not enough quorum to hold a meeting.

Regarding the TAH and BNL for peary caribou for Resolute Bay beneficiaries.

Looking at the harvest report from 1997 to 2001 that was when we had the freezing rain in the fall for the past two years and that is when the caribou & musk ox were dying off .And HTA only allowed the local inuits to harvest 10 caribou a year at Bathurst Island during the bad fall and winters.

And the harvest report from 2002 to 2006 that is now that the caribou are coming back to Bathurst Island and to the surrounding Islands, that is just to show that caribou are now coming back to the land that they left behind.

Back in 1994 RBHTA was given a plaque from The Wildlife Society for managing wildlife and fish.

And the TAH & BLN for Somerset Island & Prince of Wales Island. Which the TAH would be two (2) caribou for both Island. RB HTA Directors want more then two TAH for caribou.

The caribou are coming back to the Islands.

Please call if you have any questions.



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Rules: Special Meeting 12C

- Session C of Special Meeting No. 12 (the meeting) shall be open to the public, with notice provided to the public at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. Part of the meeting may be conducted in camera, where the NWMB considers that confidential or sensitive matters may be disclosed or discussed.
- All materials filed with the NWMB by the GN, NTI or any of the RWOs shall be:
 - Filed in Inuktitut and English by no later than the dates and times specified by the NWMB in its November 20th 2006 and January 19th 2007 letters to them; and
 - o Provided by each body, at the date and time of filing, to the other four bodies.
- All materials filed with the NWMB by the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association and the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization shall be filed by no later than the dates and times specified by the NWMB in its January 19th 2007 letter to them.
- The NWMB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
- 5. The NWMB shall provide simultaneous English and Inuktitut translation at the meeting, to the extent reasonably possible.
- 6. A quorum of NWMB members shall be present at the meeting.
- 7. The NWMB shall make every effort to ensure that all participants at the meeting are treated with respect.
- 8. The NWMB shall provide a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations from the GN, NTI, the RWOs or any other participant at the meeting by their choice of official, expert or counsel.
- Any member of the NWMB, the NWMB's Director of Wildlife or the NWMB's legal counsel may ask relevant questions of any participant at the meeting.
- 10. The GN, NTI or any RWO or other participant may ask relevant questions of any other participant at the meeting.
- 11. The NWMB shall provide members of the public in attendance at the meeting a reasonable opportunity to make statements and to ask questions of the participants and the NWMB.

- 12. Every person at the meeting wishing to speak or ask a question shall raise his or her hand, and shall only speak once the NWMB Chairperson has recognized him or her.
- 13. The NWMB Chairperson reserves the right to place reasonable time limits on presentations, statements and questions.
- 14. The NWMB shall make an audio recording of the meeting available upon request.

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