



Attached to this letter is copy of the “*Rules for the NWMB’s Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Modifications to the Level of Total Allowable Harvest for the Baffin Bay Polar Bear Population in the Nunavut Settlement Area*”. Also attached is a copy of the Government of Nunavut’s Department of Environment “*Request for a decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on a management response to conservation concerns with the Baffin Bay (BB) polar bear population*” (DOE Proposal), filed with the Board.

Additional documents that the NWMB considers relevant to the hearing are the following:

1. *Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding between Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak Hunters’ and Trappers’ Organization), Clyde River (Namautaq Hunters’ and Trappers’ Organization), Pond Inlet (Mittimatialik Hunters’ and Trappers’ Orgaization), Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, and the Department of Environment for the management of the “Baffin Bay” polar bear population* (implemented by the Government of Nunavut, Minister of Environment, 22 December 2004).
2. *Demography and viability of a hunted population of polar bears* (Taylor, M. K., et al. 2005, Arctic 58:203-214).
3. *Consultations on polar bear quota recommendations for the Western Hudson Bay (WH) and Baffin Bay (BB) populations for 2006/2007* (Briefing Note presented by the Government of Nunavut at NWMB Regular Meeting #44, 6-8 December 2005, Kugaaruk, Nunavut).
4. *Status of polar bears in Baffin Bay (BB) and Western Hudson Bay (WH)* (Power Point Presentation by the Government of Nunavut at NWMB Regular Meeting #44, 6-8 December 2005, Kugaaruk, Nunavut).
5. *Nunavut polar bear harvest for 2006/2007* (Attachment to Government of Nunavut e-mail received by the NWMB 23 July 2007).
6. *Greenland’s comment to US plan of listing the polar bear as threatened under the endangered species act* (Letter from the Greenland Home Rule Government, Department of Fisheries, Hunting, and Agriculture, to the Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4 April 2007).
7. *Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> working meeting of the IUCN/SSC Polar Bear Specialist Group* (20-24 June 2005, Seattle, Washington, USA - Aars, J., et al. 2006).
8. *Draft report on Inuit knowledge regarding climate change and the Baffin Bay polar bear population* (Dowsley, M. 2005. Unpublished report presented by the Government of Nunavut at the NWMB Regular Meeting #44, 6-8 December 2005, Kugaaruk, Nunavut).
9. *Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears* (International Agreement signed by Canada, the U.S., Norway, Denmark, and Russia (Soviet Union), 1973).

Copies of all of the above documents may be obtained from the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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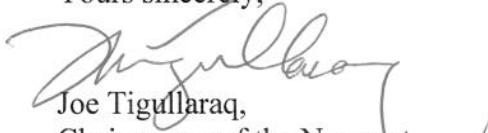
The NWMB is inviting your department/organization to file written submissions – in English and Inuktitut - responding to the DOE Proposal, or otherwise regarding conservation concerns with the current level of Total Allowable Harvest for the Baffin Bay Polar Bear Population, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008. Unless persuasive reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials during the hearing that are not filed on time.

Documents may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. Fax or electronic transmissions will only be accepted if your department/organization confirms by phone with the NWMB - by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 - that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. All documents should be clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB Hearing on Baffin Bay Polar Bears. Documents are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the Board.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)) or contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Wildlife Management Board

c.c. The Chairpersons of Nunavut's Regional Wildlife Organizations and Hunters and Trappers Organizations