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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Amendment to the GN-DoE submission for the written hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the proposed 2012/2013 level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The GN-DoE has amended their submission for the written hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) to consider the proposed 2012/2013 level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).

Attached to this letter is a copy of the amendment to the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (GN-DOE Proposal). The amendment states that the calculations used in determining the recommended TAH of 24 contained an error. Please see attachment for further details.


Also attached is the original letter of invitation to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the GN-DOE Proposal, or otherwise regarding the level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation within the NSA, which was sent to your organization on June 26th, 2012.

Despite the additional information submitted by GN-DOE, this is a time sensitive issue and the NWMB would like to maintain a similar timeline as identified in the original Letter of Invitation, with written submissions being due by no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on **August 3rdst, 2012**. Through this letter, the NWMB is providing your organization with the opportunity to present any objections to maintaining the original timeline for the written hearing in light of the amendment to the GN-DOE Proposal. All written objections must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST) on **August 3rdth 2012**. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

Objections may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Written Hearing to consider the 2012-2013 level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area*. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST) on August 3rdth 2012 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,



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A/Chairperson of the
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Attachments (2)

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