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Chairperson of the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers organization

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the proposed management plan for High Arctic Muskoxen of the Qikiqtaaluk Region.

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled a written hearing to consider the proposed management plan for High Arctic Muskoxen of the Qikiqtaaluk Region.

A written hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment proposal for NWMB Decision. The Government of Nunavut has also filed all of the best available information pursuant to the proposal, which is available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, XOA 0H0

Phone: (867) 975-7300 Fax: (888) 421-9832

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Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Government of Nunavut's Proposal, or otherwise regarding concerns with the proposed management plan for High Arctic Muskoxen of the Qikiqtaaluk Region. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB –in English and Inuktitut –by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on June 3rd 2013. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Materials may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB Hearing for the management plan for High Arctic Muskoxen of the Qikiqtaaluk Region. 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. (Iqaluit Time) on June 3rd 2013—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.

Shortly after the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make a decision whether or not to approve the management plan for High Arctic Muskoxen of the Qikiqtaaluk Region.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications put forward in your submissions, 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 or contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,

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A/Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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