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2013-ᒥ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᓚᐅᕐᔪᒪᖕᒪᑕ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᖃᖓᑕᓱᒃᑯᑦ ᓇᐃᓴᐃᓗᑎ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓇᐃᓴᖅᑕᐅᔪᑦ
ᖃᑦᔪᓇᐅᓗᐊᕆᔭᐅᓗᑎ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓯᓚᕈᔪᖕᒧ ᓇᓴᐃᑎᐊᓚᐅᖕᒋᓇᖅᓗᑎᒃ ᑕᐃᒪᓕ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᓂ ᑲᑎᖃᑎᖃᒪᑕ
ᓇᓗᓇᐃᕐᔪᓗᑎᓗ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᐃ ᐃᓚᖓᕆᐊᓂᐊᕐᓂᖕᒋᓂ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖕᒋ ᓇᒻᒪᒃᓴᓚᐅᖕᒋᒪᑕ ᐅᑯᓂᖓ,
ᓇᒻᒪᒃᓴᖕᒋᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᕋᒍᒥ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᒥ ᓇᓴᐃᓚᖅᐳ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃ ᓇᒻᒪᓇᖅᑕᐅᖕᒋᑎᒡᓗᒋ ᑎᑭᑦᑕᕆᖕᒋᑎᒡᓗᒋ
ᐊᓯᑲᓂᐊᓗᖕᒋ ᑎᑭᖕᒋᑎᒡᓗᒋ ᓱᓕ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓯᓚᕈᔪᖕᒧ ᓄᖃᖓᖃᑕᓚᐅᕐᓂᖕᒋᓄ ᓇᓴᐃᖕᒋᐸᓕᕈᑎᖓ
ᐊᑐᖅᑎᑕᐅᕙᓕᕆᓗᓂ ᓲᕐᓗ 0-ᒥ ᑕᐃᔭᐅᔪᒥ ᓱᕐᑯᐃᑕᐅᓗᓂ ᓇᐃᓴᖅᑕᐅᓂ ᓯᓚᕈᔪᖕᒧ ᓄᖃᖓᑎᒡᓗᒋ.
Authorities came in to do Narwhal consultation and they met with Inuit to inform them regarding In the year 2013, DFO did survey by plane and the count they did determine that the Narwhal were no longer plenty and were grounded by foggy weather they hardly did no counting and when they met with Board Members, they inform them they have to decrease the number of Narwhal tags, HTO Board Members were not satisfied for these reasons, the survey they was only for one year and they did not spot the whales as they were passing through, they did not spot other whales that were stragglers that have arrive yet and the foggy weather prevented them from flying not doing any counting contributed whales not being counted which made zero count those days

ᐃᓄᖕᓂ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑎᓂᓗ ᑲᑎᖃᑎᖃᓕᕐᒥᖕᒪᑕ ᑕᑯᐊ ᐃᓄᐃ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑏᑦ ᓇᒻᒪᒃᓴᓚᐅᖕᒋᑐᒪᕆᐅᒪᑕ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᐃ
ᐃᓚᖓᕆᐊᕐᑕᐅᓚᕐᓂᖕᒋᓂ ᑐᓴᕋᒥ ᐃᒪᓇ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᕐᔪᖃᓚᐅᕐᒥᔪᖅ ᐅᓇ 2013-ᖑᑎᒡᓗᒍ ᓇᓴᐃᓂᕆᓚᐅᕐᑕᖓᓄ
ᐊᕋᒍᒧ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᒧ ᐅᓄᕐᓂᖕᒋ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃ ᑕᒪᐅᖓᕐᐸᒃᑐᑦ ᐊᒃᔨᒋᓱᖑᖕᒋᒪᑕ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑎᑭᓐᓇᓴᕐᓂᖕᒋ ᑎᑭᓴᓕᓂᖕᒋᓗ
ᑕᐃᒪᓕ ᐊᖑᓱᑏᑦ ᑎᑎᕋᕐᑯᔨᓕᓚᐅᕐᐳᑦ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᖕᒋ ᐃᓚᖓᕆᐊᕐᑯᔭᐅᖕᒋᓗᑎᒃ ᐅᑯᓂᖓ
ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖃᓗᑎᒃ:

- ᐊᕋᒍᒧ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᒥ ᓇᓴᐃᓂᖓ ᖃᖓᑕᓱᒃᑯᑦ ᓇᐃᓗᐊᕆᔭᐅᒃᓕᐳ
- ᓯᓚᕈᔪᖕᒧ ᓄᖃᖓᖃᑕᓚᐅᕐᓂᖓ ᐊᑐᖅᑕᐅᓇᓱᒃᓕᐳᖅ
- ᓇᐃᓴᖅᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᖃᑦᔪᓐᓇᐅᕆᔭᐅᓗᑎ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᑎᓂ ᓇᐃᓴᖅᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑎᓂᑦ ᐅᒃᐱᕆᔭᐅᖕᒋᓕᐳ
- ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃ ᑎᑭᑕᕆᖕᒋᓗᐊᖅᑎᒡᓗᒋ ᓇᐃᓴᓚᐅᕐᓂᖕᒋᓄ

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- ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅᓂ ᐊᐱᖅᓱᓚᐅᖕᒋᓂᖕᒋᓄ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃ ᖃᑦᓱᓇᐅᓕᕐᒪᖔᑕ
- ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᕐᔪᖃᓚᐅᖕᒋᑎᓪᓗᒍ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᐃ ᑑᒐᓕᑦ ᖃᑦᓱᓇᐅᓕᕐᓂᕋᑕᐅᑎᒡᓗᒋ ᓱᓕ ᓄᓇᓕᖕᒥ
- ᑐᓴᖅᑎᑦᑎᖃᓚᐅᖕᒋᓗᑎᒃ ᐃᓚᖓᓇᐊᓇᐊᖃᓂᖕᒋᓂ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑎᑦᑎᓇᓱᖕᓂᖕᒋᓂᓗ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑐᓴᕐᑎᑦᑎᓚᐅᕐᓇᑎ (Hearings)-ᖑᓂᕋᑕᐅᔪᖅ

Authorities met with Inuit and hunters, the hunters were not satisfied when they heard that the number of Narwhal tags were going to decrease, it seemed to indicate the year 2013 survey was only for one year since number of whales that come here are not always the same and they arrive different times of the year to year. At times they arrive late, and at times they arrive early therefore the hunters instructed the HTO to write a letter that the number of Narwhal tags not be decreased for these reasons:

- Survey by one year is too short
- Foggy weather also contributed to no counts
- Numbers were determined low that was done, hunters didn't believe the numbers
- Survey was done when whales had not all arrived yet.
- And Authorities have not consulted Pond Inlet Inuit that the whales were decreasing
- No information in Pond Inlet ever came out regarding that the number of Narwhal are decreasing
- They never held consultations about the decrease that they are trying to implement and no hearings was ever held

ᑕᒃᑯᐊ ᑕᕝᕙ ᐃᓄᖕᓂ ᓇᒻᒪᒋᔭᐅᓚᐅᖕᒋᑐ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᓂ ᓇᒻᒪᒋᔭᐅᓚᐅᖕᒋᒥᔪᑦ ᑕᒃᑯᐊ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᓂ ᐃᓚᖓᓇᐊᖅᑎᑦᑎᓇᓱᒃᑐᒃᑯᑦ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᖅᓱᓚᐅᖕᒋᓇᓗᑎᒃ ᖃᓄ ᑭᓱᒥᓗ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖓᓂ ᑲᑎᒪᔭᕐᑐᑎᒋᓂᐊᕐᑕᖓᓂ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᕐᔪᓯᒪᖕᒋᑎᐊᓗᑎ ᑲᑎᒪᔭᕐᑐᓚᐅᕐᒪᑕ ᑭᓱ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᒋᔭᐅᒪᖓᓗᓂ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᕐᓱᕕᐅᓚᐅᖕᒋᓗᑕ ᑭᓱᐊᓂ ᑎᑭᓂᐊᕐᓂᖕᒋᓂ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᐅᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᕐᑐᒐᓗᐊ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖕᒋᓂ ᑲᑎᒪᖃᑎᖃᑎᒡᓗᒋ ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᑐᓴᖅᑎᑕᐅᒪᑕ ᐃᓚᖓᓇᐊᕐᑕᐅᓂᐊᕐᓂᖕᒋᓂ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅᑦ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᖕᒋᓂ, ᓇᒻᒪᒃᓴᓚᐅᖕᒋᒪᑕ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖕᒋ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑕᒃᑯᐊ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᒃᓴᕆᔭᐅᔪᑦ ᒥᒃᓯᖃᕐᑯᐃᔨᖕᒪᑕ ᐊᕋᒍᒥ ᐊᑕᐅᓯᕐᒥ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᔪᑦ, ᓯᓚᕈᔪᖕᒧᓗ ᓄᖃᖓᓚᐅᕐᓂᖕᒋᓄᓗ ᓇᐃᓴᖃᓯᐅᔭᐅᖕᒪ ᓲᕐᓗ 0-ᖑᑎᑕᐅᓗᓂ

These are the concerns that Inuit were not satisfied about and by the HTO Board Members that the number of Narwhal tags will be decreased with absolutely no information of why and whatever reason. Authorities came in with no arrangements of why they are coming to town for meeting. No agenda was ever produced for the meeting except they will be coming in was only made known. When they met with HTO Board Members, they were informed that the Narwhal tags were going to be decreased and they were not satisfied since the only applicable reason seems to be one year survey onn whales and the foggy days, the whales counted were zero.

ᑕᐃᒪᓕ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖕᒋ ᐅᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᕐᔪᐊᒃᑯᓄ ᑎᑎᕋᕈᒪᓕᓚᐅᕐᒪᑕ ᑕᓐᓇ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᐃ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅᓄ ᐃᓚᖓᓇᐊᕐᑕᐅᓇᓱᒃᑐᖅ ᐊᑐᓕᕐᑯᔭᐅᖕᒋᓗᓂ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖃᑎᐊᖕᒋᑎᒡᓗᒋᓗ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑏᑦ ᐃᓚᖓᓇᐊᕐᑯᔨᖕᒋᒥᔪᑦ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᖕᒋᓂ ᓂᕕᖓᑖᓂ

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Therefore HTO Board Members wanted to produce a letter to NWMB to advise them and not implement that the number of Narwhal tags DFO are trying to be reduce with no absolute reason and the hunters do not want the reduction of Narwhal tags also

ᐅᑯᐊᑕᐅ ᐊᑐᖅᑕᐅᖕᒋᓗᐊᖅᒪᑕ (NLCA)-ᖑᓂᕋᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦᑕᕈᑎᒥᒃᑐᑦ 5.4.4 5.6.16 5.6.18 ᑕᐃᒪᐃᒻᒪ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᑲᔪᖅᑕᐅᔪᒪᔪᒐᓗᐊᖅᐳᒍ ᐅᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖅᔪᐊᒃᑯᓂ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅᑦ ᕿᓚᓗᒐᒐᒃᓴᖕᒋᑦ ᐃᓚᖓᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᖅᑯᖕᒋᓗᒋ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑕᒪᓇ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓂᖓ ᐃᓕᓴᓇᖅᑯᐃᔨᔪᖅ ᑐᒃᑐᓕᕆᓂᖅᒧ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑐᖃᑎᒡᓗᒍ ᐊᔾᔨᐸᓗᐊᓂ ᐊᑐᕋᓱᖅᑯᔨᖕᒪᑕ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓱᓕ ᐅᑭᐊᓴᖑᓚᐅᑐᖅ ᓂᕕᖓᑕᓂ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᓚᐅᖅᑐᒍᒐᓗᐊᖅ ᑭᓯᐊᓂᑕᐅ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐊᖏᕈᓇᓚᐅᖕᒋᒪᑕ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐃᓚᖓᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᔪᒪᖕᒋᔪᑎᑦᑕ ᐃᓚᖓ ᓱᒃᑯᔨᖃᑕᖅᓂᑎᓄ ᐊᖑᓂᒃᑕᑎᓂ ᑲᒪᑎᐊᕋᓱᖑᒪᑕ ᒥᑦᑎᒪᑕᓕᖕᒥᐅ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑎᖕᒋ ᐱᐅᓕᐊᕆᑎᐊᖅᐸᒃᓗᑎᒍ ᐊᖑᓂᒃᑕᕗ ᖃᓄᐃᒪᑭᐊ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐊᑐᖅᑕᐅᓂᖅᓴᐅᕙ ᓇᒻᒪᓇᕈᓇᖕᒋᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓱᓚᕈᔪᖕᒥ ᓄᖃᖓᑎᒡᓗᒋ 0-ᖑᑎᑕᐅᕙ ᑕᑯᐊ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᐅᖕᒋᓂᓴᐅᖅᑯᐃᔨᖕᒪᑕ ᐊᖑᓇᒃᑕᐅᔪᓂ ᑲᒪᑎᐊᓂᖅᒥ

And these are not being utilized which are under the NLCA our land claims agreement 5.4.4 5.6.16 5.6.18 whereas HTO is seeking assistance from NWMB to prevent the reduction of Pond Inlet Narwhal tags and the survey seems to depict the same way caribou was surveyed and use the same method and last fall we asked for additional tags but was turned down by DFO and the other reason why we want no reduction is how we dealt with the ice entrapped with careful consideration that's how Pond Inlet Hunters try to arrange themselves by handling. I wonder how and why the survey results are being used when they are done unefficiently by fog counting zero numbers which should not be the reason for reduction then the reason for careful handling done by hunters

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We are giving thanks for their assistance and they will understand how the dealing is being done with our Narwhal tags. Thank you for your assistance

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