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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
Iqaluit

Bathurst Inlet
Kingaok

Sent by e-mail

Bay Chimo
Umingmaktok

Dear Sir:

RE: NWMB Bathurst and Bluenose East TAH Hearings in Yellowknife

Cambridge Bay
Ikaluktutiak

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) has been copied with an April 1, 2016 Notice of Public Hearings indicating that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) has decided to hold hearings in Yellowknife NWT from June 13th to 16th, 2016 to consider the imposition of regional Total Allowable Harvests (TAH) on the Bathurst and Bluenose East caribou herds. I write to indicate the KIA's dismay with and disapproval of this decision because we consider the location chosen by the NWMB for these hearings to be both inappropriate and poorly considered.

Gjoa Haven
Okhoktok

Kitikmeot Inuit harvest from both these herds. The Government of Nunavut (GN) is proposing reductions, or in the case of the Bathurst herd, the elimination of Inuit harvesting from these herds. NWMB is responsible under the law and more importantly the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) for ensuring that Inuit harvesting rights are not infringed, unless there is a serious conservation concern and the process is fair.

Taloyoak

Kugaaruk

The KIA, regional and community wildlife organizations in the Kitikmeot were never consulted about the location of this hearing. The proposed location (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories) will make it almost impossible for Inuit harvesting rights holders to be heard before these critical NWMB decisions are made. The proposal to bring six Kitikmeot Inuit to Yellowknife is not a solution when the rights of hundreds of Inuit Harvesters, their families, and the extended community will be affected. These hearing must be held in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut, and the Board's arrangements fall short of the standards set by the Courts for both aboriginal consultation and the requirements of fairness.

The KIA requires that NWMB change its plan for these hearings and schedule them to take place in Kugluktuk, even if this results in the hearing dates being altered. We look forward to hearing from the Board on this matter at your earliest convenience. If an application is required to change the venue for these hearings please let us know and KIA will file the necessary application forthwith.



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Yours truly,

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- cc. Cathy Towtongie, President NTI
Hon. Peter Taptuna, Premier of Nunavut
Hon. Johnny Mike, Minister of Environment, Nunavut
Hon. Keith Peterson, MLA, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
Larry Adjun, Chair, Kugluktuk HTO
Peter Kapolak, Chair, Bathurst Inlet HTO
Connie Kapolak, Chair, Uminmaktok HTO
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