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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

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Dorothy Ningeocheak  
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Hamlet of Coral Harbour

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: October 23<sup>rd</sup> public in-person pre-hearing consultation meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning the level of total allowable harvest for Southampton Island caribou and the current non-quota limitations**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled an in-person public hearing to consider **the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment's request for NWMB decision on decreasing the total allowable harvest for Southampton Island caribou from 1000 animals to 800 animals and to maintain the current non-quota limitations which state that no one shall harvest mature bulls or cows with calves.** With a decision on a total allowable harvest, the NWMB will also be required to strike a basic needs level as per Section 5.6.19 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. The in-person public hearing will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2013, in Iqaluit, Nunavut and additional information about the hearing process will be distributed shortly. The NWMB investigated the option of holding the hearing in Coral Harbour, but unfortunately due to a number of logistical constraints, it was not possible.

In order to make sure the best available information from the community is included in the hearing **the NWMB will be holding a public pre-hearing consultation meeting in Coral Harbour, Nunavut on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. The consultation meeting will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.** Through this letter the NWMB is inviting your organization to attend this meeting.

At the pre-hearing consultation meeting, Coral Harbour community members will be invited to share their knowledge on Southampton Island caribou, and in particular the following issues:

- The proposed lowering of the total allowable harvest from 1000 to 800 animals
- The current non-quota limitations which state that no one shall harvest mature bulls or cows with calves
- The striking of a basic needs level

Following the meeting, NWMB staff will draft a pre-hearing consultation report for inclusion in the public hearing documents.

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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Acting Chairperson of the  
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