

## WITNESS STATEMENT OF GLENN WILLIAMS

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1. I am the Senior Wildlife and Environment Advisor for Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI).
2. On April 15, 2014, I interviewed Richard Connelly by telephone. Mr. Connelly informed me that he was the Government of Nunavut's Economic Development Adviser, based in Coral Harbour, when the Coral Harbour Community Development Corporation ran the commercial caribou hunt.
3. I noted the information that Mr. Connelly gave me in an April 15 2014 email to NTI colleagues. The complete message was as follows (unedited except for spelling):

I spoke with Richard Connelly this morning and have the following information:

- Commercial hunting of caribou on SHI from '94-'02 was organized and done by Leonard Netser (Inuk living in Coral, as a family business)
- '03 – '06 Hunt was organized and done by Coral Harbour Community Development Corporation, legally registered with 7 board members from the community.
- From '07 till hunt was terminated it was organized and done by Leonard Netser.
- Since commercial harvest was stopped by GN, individual Inuit have continued to sell/ship caribou privately, within Nunavut
  
- In the harvest '03-'06, 8-10 Inuit were identified as harvesters/shooters, they would harvest 150-185 caribou per day and were paid \$20 per caribou that were shot in the head or neck, less for shoulder shot and nothing for gut shot caribou. They were required to deliver caribou to the portable processing facility within one hour of being shot, where the caribou were skinned, gutted, hung to cool and then inspected carcasses were transported to Kivalliq Foods in Rankin to be butchered, processed, packaged and sold. The fancy cuts were exported nationally and internationally, but smoked ribs, hocks and dry meat were sold locally as well in Rankin.
  
- The identified harvesters used their own snowmobiles, sleds and rifles to harvest caribou. They were supplied with fuel and ammunition by the Corporation but only paid for individual caribou that were harvested and delivered as per the requirements of the processing facility/CFIA inspectors.
  
- In total there were 50-55 Inuit employed at the processing camp as labourers, skinning, gutting etc.
  
- The GN would establish the commercial quota annually (6-8000) and the commercial tags would be given to the HTO in Coral, the largest amount of tags

issued in one year by the HTO to the processing facility was 5003 tags (there were always tags left over in 03-06)

- There was utilization of some caribou skins locally (sleeping skins, sewing clothing etc). It should be noted that tongues, hearts, livers, backfat (tuunu), leg marrow, and briskets were transported back to Coral Harbour for distribution to community residents. Antlers were also collected and sold to a buyer in southern Canada.

In addition to this information, it should be noted the Mitch Campbell was very involved in most aspects of this harvest and the processing of caribou (potential witness to facts). Inuapik Ell was the most proficient hunter/shooter and has been involved in the harvest from '94 to date. Leonard Netser would also be a potential witness and should be interviewed as well.

If you have questions on this information let me know.