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## Gjoa Haven Hunters & Trappers Organization

NWMB, Chair & Board

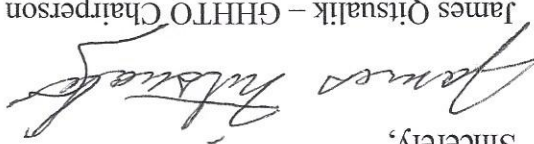
May 22, 2014

RE: Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization's Submission to NWMB on the upcoming Polar Bear Management consultation meetings concerning the TAH of the McClintock Channel Polar Bear Population.

Earlier this spring/winter our HTO Board had met with the DOE/Polar Bear Consultations concerning future McClintock Channel TAH and the 3 credits from previous hunting seasons. In addition we would like to have Elders knowledge as part of the traditional aspects of our submission, and feel the compensation packages for our hunters and elders that were promised to our Community as part of the Polar Bear Moratorium that was put into place 2001 needs to be addressed. Our Community would greatly benefit from a compensation package that includes Hunters being reimbursed for hunts in other Polar Bear Populations (i.e. Gulf of Boothia) and also hunts that were lost because of the loss of sport hunts. This was a significant economic loss for local guides and the Hunters and Trappers Organization

Our local Hunters and Trappers Office and local Hunters/Guides have followed the obligations in the MOU signed between the government and our community. The adherence to this MOU has seen a significant loss of funds to our community through lost sport hunts and through loss of hide sales that employed a number of men and women.

Sincerely,



James Qitsualik - GHHTO Chairperson