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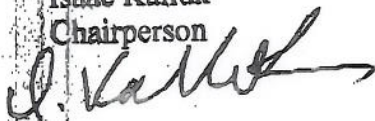
On March 31, 2006, RB HTO had a special meeting concerning the Peary Caribou populations and TAH. A number of concerns were address following the questions addressed:

1. The Management Plan was introduced to the RB HTO by biologist, Michael Ferguson, two (2) Years ago, that was the first time that we saw it and without much consultation prior to the readings. It was hard to set our beliefs and needs concerning the populations and TAH, our voice was not heard, neither met during that time.
2. Our HTO believes that one population of Peary Caribou exist in the High Arctic. The caribou do move or migrate to other Queen Elizabeth Islands and as far south as Victoria Island and Boothia Peninsula.
Setting one (1) population from 70 degrees north and up makes more sense due to the I.Q. and Inuit Knowledge. Elders from Cambridge Bay (David Kaomayuk) and from Taloyoak have reported saying that the Peary Caribou are starting to migrate north again. Where tracks and animals have been seen crossing the Mc Clintock Channel and less sightings close to Taloyoak on Boothia Pen. And that the caribou have always moved back and forth between Prince of Whales Island, Somerset Island and Boothia Peninsula.
RB HTO have for 15 Years controlled the harvesting of Peary Caribou on nearby Islands resulting in what looks like zones or population. Which were set by caribou biologist that have studied the caribou over the Years, and not by HTO's. we think it's a reasonable approach for both Grise Fiord and Resolute to allocate harvesting of caribou to the hunters in one (1) population. We have been credited for caribou population increase, but due to the unpredicting weather and wolf population caused a big die off in the past, not over harvesting.
—If for some reason the population zones/areas for the High Arctic is not resolved, RB HTO would like to see TAH for Bathurst Island – 20; Somerset Isl/Prince of

Whales - 20; West Devon - 10; North Devon - 10; Other Queen Elizabeth Isl. - 20.

3. We are in full support of NTI recommending that NWMB considers the TAH on Peary Caribou with the consultations and hearings with communities effected by this decision.

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