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Re: The potential establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest and Basic Need Level for Peary Caribou
in the Queen Elizabeth Islands.

Dear Mr. Tigullaraq,

Thank you for the information on the above subject, in response to it.

The Iviq HTO would like to clarify to you that the proposed counted caribou is not accurate, we have noted in the past and to our understanding that they were not to be included in the harvest study. The harvested animals reported by Curtis Didham (GN) are flawed and are inaccurate as the hunters were never informed that there kills were to be identified.

We also feel the proposed boundary lines should be removed, as animal do not respect the imaginary boundary lines.

The numbers that are issued were done behind hunters back (without their knowledge). As you are well aware that there was no mandatory reporting systems, our assumption now is that the kill reports may be low.

We are strongly urging our board to hold public hearing on the important issue of total allowable harvest on Peary Caribou also on the species when needs arise. This would definitely comply to Federal Government process when they feel animals should be listed under SARA list.

The total allowable harvest issues are not just a simple matter which should be dealt within the offices but allow the hunters to be involved. A public hearing would definitely upgrade the status quo which have had negative impacts among the hunters in the past.

Once again, we would further recommend that no total allowable harvest be established prior to completion of population survey on all areas.

If further information is need please contact us at the above address and or numbers.

Sincerely,


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Iviq HTO Chairman

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