



Settlement Area. A copy of that Proposal and accompanying Consultation Summary is attached to this correspondence.

During the meeting, the NWMB made two decisions. The first was an interim regional TAH decision for the sub-population. Pursuant to Section 5.3.8 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, that decision must remain confidential until either it is accepted by the Minister or it is disallowed and the NWMB – following relevant further directions in the *Nunavut Agreement* - issues a final decision.

The second Board decision was to hold an in-person public hearing at the earliest reasonable opportunity, concerning the future regional TAH (commencing 2018-2019) for the WH polar bear subpopulation. Before proceeding to schedule and provide public notice of that hearing, the NWMB has decided to organize a pre-hearing teleconference on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, at 2:30 pm eastern time (1:30 pm standard time), to discuss with you - or with your representatives – the following issues:

**1. The proposed location and dates of the hearing:**

The NWMB proposes to hold a two-day hearing in Rankin Inlet at the Siniktarvik Hotel, on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. Taking into account its airline schedules, meeting facilities and hotel and restaurant services, Rankin appears to be the most appropriate choice to host the significant number of participants expected to attend the hearing.

**2. The adequacy of consultations carried out by the Nunavut Department of Environment concerning its Proposal:**

Please see the Department of Environment's "*Consultation Summary Notes for the 2016 Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear Aerial Survey Compiled During Meetings Conducted Between 4-7 July 2017*", including the "*Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear Scientific Study Consultation Report – Appendix 2*", attached to this correspondence.

**3. Participant funding to attend the hearing:**

The NWMB is under no legal obligation to fund travel and accommodation costs for parties attending NWMB hearings. However, the Board recognizes that it can be difficult for Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) to find such funding within their limited budgets. Until such time as Government puts in place appropriate participant funding arrangements for NWMB hearings, the Board will continue to try to secure a limited amount of funding from its own annual operating budget to provide HTO financial assistance. For this hearing, the NWMB has been able to secure sufficient funding to pay travel, accommodation

and per diem costs (but no honoraria) for up to ten HTO representatives to attend the hearing. Selection of those representatives will be decided by the Kivalliq Wildlife Board in consultation with the five HTOs who harvest from the WH polar bear subpopulation.

**4. Any other relevant issue that a hearing party wishes to raise.**

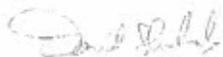
For those participants in Iqaluit, the NWMB will be hosting the pre-hearing teleconference in its boardroom. Attached to this letter is a draft agenda for the teleconference, including all necessary dial-in information.

**The NWMB requests that you provide confirmation of attendance at the pre-hearing teleconference (by letter, fax, email or phone) by no later than September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm eastern time (4:00 pm standard time). Please also inform the Board at that time: (i) if you wish to raise an additional relevant issue at the teleconference, and (ii) if you require translation services for the call.** For logistical reasons, the NWMB recommends participation in the call by no more than two representatives of each agency.

The NWMB is hopeful that the outcome of the pre-hearing teleconference will be a consensus among the parties concerning each of the issues to be discussed. The Board will promptly issue a pre-hearing teleconference summary to all agencies that participated in the call. Following careful consideration, final decisions as to the way forward will be made by a quorum of the NWMB members.

If you have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB's Executive Director.

Yours sincerely,



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A/Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments: 3

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Hugh Nateela, Secretary Manager of the Baker Lake HTO;

Janice Aggark, Secretary Manager of the Aqigik HTO;  
Nigel Kubluitok, Secretary Manager of the Kangiqliniq HTO;  
Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Acting Head of Eastern Arctic, Canadian Wildlife Service,  
Environment and Climate Change Canada;  
Caroline Ladanowski, Director, Wildlife Management and Regulatory Affairs  
Division, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada; and  
Paul Crowley, Vice-President Arctic, World Wildlife Fund Canada.







# PRE-HEARING TELECONFERENCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST FOR THE WESTERN HUDSON BAY POLAR BEAR SUBPOPULATION



October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (eastern time)<sup>1</sup>

Teleconference No: 1-877-733-5390  
Conference ID: 423-158-2642#

## PRE-HEARING TELECONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Introductions and opening remarks	15 minutes
2. Review and approval of agenda	5 minutes
3. Location and dates of the hearing	15 minutes
4. Adequacy of consultations carried out by the Nunavut Department of Environment	30 minutes
5. Participant funding to attend the hearing	15 minutes
6. Other relevant issues	30 minutes
7. Next steps and closing remarks	10 minutes

<sup>1</sup> Note: standard time is one hour earlier – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.



