

1st Interjurisdictional Davis Strait Polar bear User to User Meeting between User Groups of Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, and Nunavut.

Kuujuak, Québec

September 13th – 16th, 2010.

WHEREAS the current quota for Nunatsiavut is based on an estimate of approximately 900 animals in 1979,

WHEREAS Inuit knowledge has indicated a substantial increase in the Davis Strait polar bear subpopulation for some time,

WHEREAS the most recent scientific survey provides an estimate of 2,142 animals in 2007,

WHEREAS the polar bear density for the Davis Strait subpopulation (5.6 per 1000 square kilometers) is one of the highest known for any polar bear subpopulation,

WHEREAS nesting areas of birds are being depleted by polar bears,

WHEREAS other wildlife such as seals are being depleted by polar bears,

WHEREAS cabins and other personal items are being damaged by polar bears,

WHEREAS there are human safety concerns because of increased polar bear encounters,

THEREFORE be it resolved that

“Representatives of the Inuit user groups of Nunavik and Nunavut support the request by Nunatsiavut to increase their quota by 6”.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

In favor: _____ Against: _____ Abstained: _____

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Resolution # 1

Date: September 15, 2010