

**1<sup>st</sup> Interjurisdictional Davis Strait Polar bear User to User Meeting between User Groups of Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, and Nunavut.**

Kuujjuak, Québec

September 13th – 16th, 2010.

**WHEREAS** current population estimates for the Davis strait polar bear subpopulation indicate a significant increase from 900 in 1979 to 2142 in 2007,

**WHEREAS** user representatives from Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and Nunavut attending a meeting in Kuujjuak discussed their respective concerns related to polar bears harvested in the Davis Strait subpopulation

**WHEREAS** user representatives identified significant concern including but not limited to damage related to property cabins, tents, threat of injury, and death to humans related to this increase in bear numbers and the greater presence in proximity to communities and camps,

**WHEREAS** the increased number of bears has equally been seen to be negatively impacting on other animal resources important to Inuit for subsistence consumption including but not limited to predation of assorted waterfowl, their eggs, in addition to various seal species; walrus are anticipated to be impacted in the near future

**WHEREAS** specific concern was voiced by delegates in respect to Inuit not having been involved in the delineation of respective polar bear subpopulation zones,

**WHEREAS** in light of current population estimate for Davis Strait, and notwithstanding possible impacts from climate change, user representatives attending the meeting believe there is currently no valid biological conservation threat.

**WHEREAS** in consequence, Nunavut representatives wish to eliminate the current quota system in Nunavut for a 5 year experimental period; failing this, Nunavut delegates wish to increase their quota by 100 bears taken from Davis Strait to be allocated to the 3 Nunavut communities harvesting Davis strait subpopulation

**THEREFORE be it resolved:**

That adequate monetary compensation be solicited from government to pay for any damages incurred to property, injury, or loss of human life.

That immediate steps are taken to obtain Inuit input in delineation of polar bear subpopulation zones not limited to Davis Strait

That respective governments and relevant land claims organizations are immediately informed of the decisions contained herein

That user representatives deemed this meeting as particularly valuable in bringing users from the different jurisdictions together for the first time to discuss conservation and management of this shared resource and moreover advocate for meetings to be scheduled on a regular basis.

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

In favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution # 2

Date: September 15, 2010