

SUBMISSION TO THE

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD



FOR

Information: _____

Decision: X

Issue: Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) request to use polar bear credits for the 2011-2012 harvest season from the Lancaster Sound polar bear subpopulation

Background: On May 17th 2012, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a request from the Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator on behalf of the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) for the NWMB to consider a request from the Iviq HTO to use 10 polar bear credits from the Lancaster Sound polar bear subpopulation for the 2011-2012 harvest season (refer to Appendices for the HTOs request, the QWB's resolution and an letter from the Government of Nunavut's Wildlife Technician).

Table 1 outlines the 2010-2011 harvest and recommended 2011-2012 harvest for Grise Fiord.

Table 1. Grise Fiord 2010-2011 allocation and harvest and 2011-2012 recommended allocation for the Lancaster Sound polar bear subpopulation

Community	Pop.	Base Allocation	Allocation 2010-2011			Harvest 2010-2011			Recommended Harvest 2011-2012		
			Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F
Grise Fiord	LS	25 (16.67; 8.33)	25	17	8	22	17	5	25	17	8

Table 2 outlines the current credits (2011-2012) that are available for Grise Fiord from the Lancaster Sound subpopulation.

Table 2. Grise Fiord 2011-2012 polar bear credits for the Lancaster Sound polar bear subpopulation

Community	Male Credits	Female Credits
Grise Fiord	31.98	26.39

Recommendations: Based on the information available to NWMB staff, the request does not appear to be a conservation concern. NWMB staff therefore recommend that the NWMB approve the request from the Iviq HTO.

Draft Resolution:

"MOVED that the NWMB approve the use of 10 polar bear credits (7 male and 3 female) from the Lancaster Sound polar bear subpopulation for the 2011-2012 harvest season for the Iviq HTO, which is compliant with the "Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Lancaster Sound Polar Bear Population" and it's associated flexible quota system."

NWMB staff along with its co-management partners (i.e. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Government of Nunavut and Regional Wildlife Organizations) are currently working cooperatively on a review of the MOU's, including a review of the flexible quota system. It is understood by all co-management partners that the current flexible quota system is not operating efficiently and discussions will be held to improve the system. The next co-management meeting is planned in mid-July.

Consultations: Sarah Spencer, Wildlife Management Biologist, NWMB.

Prepared By: Adam Schneidmiller, Wildlife Management Biologist, NWMB

Dated: May 22nd, 2012

Appendix #1: Request from the Ivig HTO to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

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April 30, 2012

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Attn: James Qillaq

Re: Polar Bear tag credits


The Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization of Grise Fiord membership have adhered to the Polar Bear management agreement accordingly, and we have accumulated some credits over the years.

At this time the Iviq HTO is requesting for 10 (Three female and seven male) Polar bear tags from the accumulated credits (male 31.98 and female 26.39 as of 2010-2011 season) located for the Jones Sound area.

We would appreciate it if you can assist us in getting the requested credits

Please let me know if further process we have to follow or for further information contact us at the above address or number.

Sincerely,


Jaypetee Akeeagok
Iviq HTO Chairman

CC: Angela Coxon – DOE
CC: NWMB

Appendix #2: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board support for the Iviq HTOs request

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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

**Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board
Executive Board Meeting
May 10-12, 2012**

WHEREAS: The Iviq Hunters & Trappers Organization of Grise Fiord have adhered to the Polar Bear Management Agreement accordingly, and have accumulated some credits for over the years;

WHEREAS: Grise Fiord is requesting 10 Polar Bear Tags from their accumulated credits located for the Lancaster Population (3 female & 7 male);

WHEREAS: Government of Nunavut has not made a recommendation prior to QWB Executive meeting;

WHEREAS: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board has no conservation concerns with Iviq HTO to receive additional tags from their credits;

THEREFORE be it resolved that

“QWB Executive Board approve and support Grise Fiord’s request to obtain additional polar bear tags and further be it resolved that NWMB make a quick final decision prior to end of hunting season.”

Moved: Mikidjuk Kolola

Seconded: Samuel Nuqingaq

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Resolution # QWB May-12-004
Date: May 12, 2012



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May 16, 2012

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Hello Jason:

This letter is in response to the request made by the Ivig HTA for polar bear credit use.

On April 30, 2012, the Ivig HTA submitted a request to use 10 polar bear credits from Lancaster Sound to extend their 2011-2012 harvest season.

I can confirm that the community currently has 32 male credits and 26 female credits. Grise Fiord has harvested responsibly for the past several years and has rarely requested to use credits.

If the Ivig HTA is granted the use of 10 credits for the 2011-2012 season, it would raise their quota from 25 (17:8) to 35 (24:11) (7 additional males and 3 additional females).

If the QWB supports this request, it must be presented to the NWMB and our Minister as soon as possible if the community is to use any approved tags before the end of harvest season.

Sincerely,

Ann

