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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

April 22, 2016

Drikus Gissing
Director of Wildlife
Department of Environment
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Re: QWB's support for Clyde River's Polar Bear tag request

The QWB Executive held a conference call on April 7, 2016. One of the items discussed was Clyde River's request for an additional 3 tags from their male credits. This transfer will cover the 3 defense kills by the community.

The Executive reviewed the available information, and the Executive passed a motion supporting Clyde River's request. QWB understands its support is a requirement of the Baffin Bay Polar Bear MOU, which Clyde River is a party of.

The QWB appreciates the community involvement and decision making that informs the decision to complete a defense kill. QWB would like to thank the HTO and community of Clyde River for working tirelessly to protect life and property.

Thank you,

Noah Mosesee, Vice-Chairman
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

cc: Jacobie Iqalukjuaq, Clyde River HTA Chairman
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RE: REQUEST FOR NANGMAUTAQ HTO TO DRAW THREE POLAR BEAR CREDITS FOR THE BAFFIN BAY POLAR BEAR SUBPOPULATION TO BE USED IN THE 2015/2016 POLAR BEAR HARVEST SEASON

Dear Jason Mikki,

According to the letters and motion papers you forwarded to the Polar Bear Harvest Lab on March 31, 2016, we are now aware that Nangmautaq HTO would like to draw 3 male polar bear credits to be used during the 2015/2016 polar bear harvest season. It is the responsibility of the Polar Bear Harvest Lab to keep track of credits and historical harvest data. This letter is intended to provide you with current credit information for Nangmautaq HTA (with respect to the Baffin Bay polar bear subpopulation) and a brief summary of past harvest years.

Nangmautaq HTO currently has 50.52 male and 2.33 female polar bear credits available which are sufficient to cover the request.

In the 2014/2015 season, Nangmautaq HTO under harvested 2 females and overharvested 2 males. There were sufficient credits to cover the male overharvest and 2 female credits were accumulated.

In 2013/2014, Nangmautaq HTO overharvested 3 female polar bears. There was an under harvest of 1 male. Nangmautaq HTO was able to acquire 3 female credits from Mittimatalik HTO, which was sufficient to cover the over harvest of females and restore the TAH.

In 2012/2013, Nangmautaq HTO overharvested 10 female polar bears. 7 of these were of an age class that could count as a full female tag and were applied to the TAH. Due to a new TAH allocation and a resulting automatic reduction in TAH, these kills were not applied to the 13/14 total allowable harvest.

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If you require any additional information to aid your decision, please contact myself (867 934 2184) or Markus Dyck (Polar Bear Biologist II 867 934 2181). Thank you and we look forward to hearing your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

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