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**SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING #004/2019  
DECEMBER 4, 2019**

**FOR**

**INFORMATION: XX**

**DECISION:**

**Bathurst Caribou**

A Total Allowable Harvest of 30 caribou was implemented in 2017 on the Bathurst Caribou herd for the Kitikmeot Region. Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board allocated those 30 as follows: Kugluktuk 10; Omingmaktok 10; Kingaok 10. The Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) allocated those tags to a family living at Contwayto Lake.

The Governments of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut completed a population estimate in 2018 and came out with 8,200 animals, a decline since the 2015 survey of 20,000 animals.

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment met with the affected Kitikmeot HTOs on October 7, 2019 in Cambridge Bay. The Department of Environment will propose a reduction from 30 animals to 0.

A lot of discussion revolved around predators and predator management. Currently the community participates in a wolf skull collection pilot project by the Department of Environment. Since the project began in winter 2018/19, 101 wolves were harvested. This number drastically increased due to the \$300/sample. Harvesters said that should that amount be higher, they would be out hunting wolves as the 101 that were harvested were opportunistic.

The HTO asked the Government of Nunavut a number of questions at that October 7 meeting. Including what actions Government of Nunavut will be taking other than lowering the TAH to 0 and a wolf pilot project, to help the herd recover, the reply was nothing. It was also asked how the Government of Nunavut would monitor the health of the herd. There would be none. The HTO also asked what impact having a TAH of 100 or 30 or 0 would be on the herd and no evidence can be proven.

Lowering the TAH to 0 would have a drastic negative impact on the family living at Contwayto Lake, as it is their main food source.