

Subject: RE: Credit request for Sani HTA

From: Sanikiluaq HTA <sani@baffinhto.ca>

Date: 2020-04-13, 8:52 a.m.

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Good morning, I am resending the motion by Sanikiluaq HTA and QWB on Sanikiluaq HTA polar bears credits, we can even talk about to extent the credits for over 5 years or 5 or 6 extra bears per year. Main reason is that we met with our hunters when credit system was in placed, with that understanding our hunters has been very careful harvesting to building up our credit so, any defence kill or other won't be taken off of our quota, but taken from our credits. The hunters has follow over the years.

Lucassie

From: Dyck, Markus <MDyck1@GOV.NU.CA>

Sent: April 8, 2020 2:09 PM

To: Sanikiluaq HTA <sani@baffinhto.ca>

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Hi Lucassie -

Below you find the email that I sent some time ago about your credit request.

It was good to chat with you just now. As we discussed, if the Sani HTA would use and fill the entire credits (16 males and 13 females) there would be a conservation concern, not to mention that it could likely scrutinize the polar bear management system in Nunavut given the status of the southern Hudson Bay polar bears.

We really want to assist you in using credits, and we could likely also prevent a longer process of decision-making without the NWMB.

I have not heard back from you and the HTA how many tags they would think are suitable and are being used, but we could release probably 4 female tags and 5 male tags and send them your way in the interim. If there is an additional need for more tags we can still discuss that once we reach that time.

Would your board be fine with us sending you **9 tags for now from your credits (4 female and 5 male tags)?** These additional tags would not constitute a conservation concern and we can issue those immediately.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed. If you have any questions please let us know. I also trust that it is fine that we attempt to resolve this matter directly with you first, unless you insist that we go through the QWB wildlife consultant.

Thank you for your time
markus

(just as background information:

1. the average female removal from SH over the past 5 years was 12 females per year.
 2. The suggested SH female removal from the harvest risk assessment is 10 females with the middle of the road scenario, which was the most likely given sea ice changes)
 3. The suggested removal of females under the optimistic scenario was 21, a scenario that is not very likely.
 4. The abundance of the SH population declined between 2012 and 2016 from 943 to 780 bears and reproduction declined.)
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From: Dyck, Markus

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:44 AM

To: Sanikiluaq HTA <sani@baffinhto.ca>

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Good morning Lucassie –

Hope all is well in Sani. We have a question for you regarding the requested credits for the Southern Hudson Bay polar bear population. I wanted to email you first before I also contact the RWO about the total request which was 16 male and 13 female credits. That is a total of 29 extra bears above your regular TAH of 25.

We are currently reviewing your request but feel that there is a conservation concern if all of these credits are taken at one time. When there is a conservation concern, usually the NWMB has to make the decision.

Is there a number of credits that you think the HTA would be comfortable with in harvesting that is lower than the current request so the NWMB doesn't need to get involved? We ask that because the NWMB could take a bit of time and may delay access to the credits (I am just guessing that it may take a bit because usually the NWMB process is a bit time consuming). The current harvest levels are based on abundance estimates from 2012 and removing more females from this population as is allocated may have negative consequences on the subpopulation.

Can you please let us know if you would like to move ahead with the request as is, or what a revised credit request will be?

Looking forward to your response.....regards,

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