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16 April 2020

Eli Qavvik
Chairperson
Sanikiluaq HTA
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RE: REQUEST FROM SANIKILUAQ HTA TO UTILIZE 29 CREDITS (16 MALE, 13 FEMALE) FOR USE IN THE 2019/2020 POLAR BEAR HARVEST SEASON IN THE SOUTHERN HUDSON BAY SUBPOPULATION.

Dear Chairperson Qavvik,

We have received your request and the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board approval of your request to use 29 polar bear credits (13 females, 16 males) for the 2019/2020 polar bear harvest season. In a letter dated 7 April 2020 our department expressed a conservation concern if all credits would be used at one time. However, the department can release the number of tags that would not constitute a conservation concern without the involvement of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

Our department has expressed these conservation concerns also in an email to your HTA on 8 April, and indicated that we fully support the use of 9 credits (4 females, 5 males) immediately. Thus, we are electronically enclosing with this letter 9 additional tags for immediate use in 2019/2020 harvest season. They will be physically mailed to Conservation Officer Daniel Qavvik.

Our department has requested that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board make a decision over the use of the remaining 20 credits (9 females, 11 males) at their earliest opportunity. We will coordinate between your HTA manager, Lucassie Arragutainaq, and the Conservation Officer, Daniel Qavvik, that the transfer of the 9 credits is smooth and prompt.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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