

Ikaqutit Hunters and Trappers Organization

Board of Directors

Arctic Bay, Nunavut

Date: May 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) reveals that individual and groups of narwhal move between areas along northern and eastern Baffin Island during any given summer, and narwhal abundances and distributions vary greatly from year to year, week to week and day to day during summer among all areas near Baffin Island

WHEREAS, there is no available scientific information demonstrating narwhal fidelity over multiple years to any given specific seasonal areas near northern and eastern Baffin Island, and available scientific information suggests that narwhal may move from one area to another during a given summer, as known through IQ, and

WHEREAS DFO's 2013 fisheries plan for narwhal called for a review of narwhal management based on summering stocks after the 2017 harvest year.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that

The Ikaqutit HTO supports the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board proposal to the NWMB:

- a) to eliminate summer-stock management of narwhal for the communities of Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung and Iqaluit,
- b) to amalgamate the current seasonal TAH allocations of the six communities into a single annual TAH to include both summering and migratory Baffin Bay narwhal that utilize these waters,
- c) to make the QWB responsible for allocating the amalgamated TAH, and any future changes in the TAH, among the six communities, based on IQ and other information, as per clause 5.7.6. of the Nunavut Agreement.
- d) to enable a forum for DFO to offer information and advice for tag allocations and NQLs to the QWB on a biennial basis,
- e) to continue to carry-forward unused allocated tags from one year to the next for each community.
- f) to enable each HTO to temporarily transfer carry-forward or annual tags with any of the other six communities, with QWB approval.
- g) to allow individual hunters, using tags from their home community, to harvest narwhal in the areas of the other six communities, with prior written consent from the nearest HTO Board.

Moved by: Harmon K Enaga Seconded by: Jonah Aqululuk

In favour: 5 Against: 0 Motion passed ✓

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HTO Chairperson

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