



**Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board
Annual General Meeting
November 12-14, 2020**

WHEREAS the international specialist Wildlife Health Group has recommended postponement of live-handling and related research of wild mammals “unless it is urgent for the health and wellbeing of the animal”;

WHEREAS living wild mammals may also come into close contact with humans where they are being fed and where human trash is not adequately disposed of or fenced;

WHEREAS scientific research has indicated that several wild species in Qikiqtaaluk Region are potentially susceptible to infection with the COVID virus from humans, and the susceptibility of several important species have not yet been evaluated;

WHEREAS COVID-19 has already arrived in Nunavut despite excellent measures taken to keep it out, and wildlife research licensing must be completed many months in advance;

WHEREAS healthy wildlife populations are extremely important to the nutrition and culture of Inuit, and the potential impacts of COVID on wildlife populations are currently unknown;

WHEREAS Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit will continue to be available to manage wildlife without any need for live-handling;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that

1. The QWB requests the federal and territorial Ministers responsible for wildlife and scientific research and protected area permitting and licensing in Qikiqtaaluk Region to prohibit the live-handling of all wild mammals in Nunavut at least until March 31, 2022.
2. This prohibition will be reviewed by the QWB annually in November, and renewed annually for about 16 months at a time until the potential risks of human-wildlife transmission and wildlife health risks from the COVID virus are considered negligible.
3. The QWB requests that all governments, municipalities, mines and land-use permitting agencies strictly implement, monitor and enforce all acts, regulations and permit conditions restricting the intentional and inadvertent feeding and attraction of wildlife close to humans.
4. The QWB further requests support for these prohibitions and restrictions from Inuit organizations and institutions of public government, and the QWB suggests that the Regional

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Wildlife Organizations in Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions consider similar prohibitions and restriction for their areas.

Moved: Jopie Kaernerker

Seconded: Eric Ootoovak

In Favor ALL

Against _____

Abstained: _____

Passed X

Defeated _____

Resolution # QWB Nov-20-006

Date: November 12, 2020

James Qillaq, Chairman