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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board  
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**Re: Total Allowable Harvest/ Polar Bears.**

The Gjoa Haven Hunters & Trappers Assoc. are in total support of the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board's decision on the breakdown of the TAH for polar bears for the communities of Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Kugaaruk.

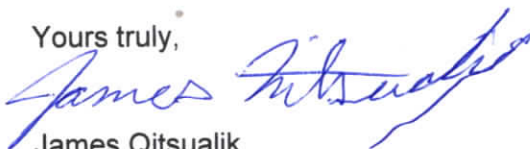
On the other hand, the moratorium placed on polar bears for McClintock Channel by the Government of Nunavut has had significant impact for the community for over 20 years and in some cases, not a single polar bear was harvested during those many years.

Hunters in Gjoa Haven are given an option of harvesting polar bears in the Gulf of Boothia because the TAH for McClintock Channel is so minimal. With that option, it is difficult for most hunters to travel that distance and endangers the hunters by not knowing the sea ice as they are not familiar of that area.

In addition, GHHTA strongly prefers that the TAH for McClintock Channel be increased and the reason behind this is that, the community members continually sees polar bears roaming close by within less than 5 miles every year.

Distance to the Gulf of Boothia from Gjoa Haven and not knowing the condition of the ice is quite challenging for all hunters from Gjoa Haven so therefore, GHHTA is requesting that gas, oil and grub compensation be provided for the hunters as they cannot afford additional cost to provide gas, oil and grub to give to guides from Taloyoak, if any are willing to travel with them from Taloyoak.

Yours truly,



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