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The Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association Board would like to submit a letter to NWMB on the tags and credit system on Subpopulation for Gulf of Boothia. The SBHTA would like an increase of 100 Total Allowable Harvest for Gulf of Boothia. The SBHTA Board feels that the proposed letter on Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and credits system is a stab in the back for the members of Taloyoak Hunters. We work so hard to accumulate our credits and for the Government of Nunavut just to wipe them away is a double standard. The SBHTA has always used caution on managing the tags. The SBHTA board can get the members to finish the tags each year but with the less female ratio at the time we made sure to manage the tags when all the female tags are almost maxed. The SBHTA Board made a policy and issue the tag one by one and only male polar bears to be caught, or close the tags altogether, depending on how close to the hunting season end. The last three years we've been finishing our tags since it's been 1:1 ratio and used three male credits. Polar Bear is our diet and The Members of Taloyoak would like to hunt not only for sales of the hide but to make clothing out of it.



Joe Ashevak, Chair - SBHTA