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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

Ben Kovic, Chair Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Iqaluit, NU XOA 0H0 Sent by email: reception@nwmb.com

September 5, 2014

Re: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board response to changes in NWMB panel on the Foxe Basin request.

Hello Ben,

The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board is formally responding to your letter sent by email on August 26, 2014.

The QWB understands the request being brought forward. QWB appreciate that in order to reconsider its recommendation on the matter of Foxe Basin TAH, NWMB must appoint two additional members to its panel. Doing this will ensure the necessary quorum needed to reconsider this important matter. The QWB Executive has discussed this matter and raises no objection to NWMB's course of action.

QWB would encourage the new panel members to diligently review the material from the previous hearing, paying particular attention to the concerns raised from the HTOs and the communities directly impacted by this decision. We encourage the new panel members to recognize the foundational role public safety plays in this request, as well as the respect given to both Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Scientific knowledge. Also, we encourage the new panel members to understand the multiple political and legal processes that structure polar bear management, including the Polar Bear Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs), which are still in effect. Finally, QWB would encourage the new panel members to actively engage with the NLCA mandated responsibilities of the RWOs and HTOs in enacting the decisions of the NWMB.

In closing, I would encourage the NWMB to bring forth a workable solution on this very important manner.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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