

## GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT QUESTIONS OF NTI

### INTRODUCTION:

NTI filed Witness Statements of Glenn Williams (May 1, 2015), Inuapik Ell (April 29, 2015) and Willie Nakoolak (June 4, 2015). In addition NTI has filed documents and proposes the filing of NWMB materials on the record for this proceeding. The NWMB Directive dated March 3, 2015 section 12 gives the Government of Nunavut (GN) the right to ask questions of NTI about this evidence up to 14 days before the resumption of the public hearing.

GN has the following questions for NTI.

### WITNESS STATEMENT OF GLENN WILLIAMS:

#### **GN Question 1:**

This witness statement speaks only to Mr. Williams telephone interview of Mr. Richard Connelly. Please confirm that statement sets out the scope of all the evidence which may be provided by Mr. Williams in this proceeding. If Mr. Williams will be providing additional evidence please disclose it.

#### **GN Question 2:**

Please indicate whether Mr. Williams was ever directly involved with the regulation, inspection, monitoring or management of the Southampton Island (SHI) commercial harvests? If the answer is yes explain the scope of his involvement for each year and disclose the evidence which Mr. Williams may provide about these commercial harvests.

### WITNESS STATEMENT OF WILLIE NAKOOLAK:

#### **GN Question 3:**

Mr. Nakoolak's witness statement indicates that he was a member of NWMB for 4 years (2007 – 11) and Chair in 2010. Did Mr. Nakoolak have any involvement as a member of NWMB on matters related to Southampton Island commercial caribou harvests? Please provide specifics.

#### **GN Question 4:**

Mr. Nakoolak's statement says that he was on the Board of the Aiviit HTO from 1996 to 2012. This includes the years he was also on the NWMB and its Chair. Please explain the overlap in 2007 to 2009 and please indicate how Mr. Nakoolak addressed decision-making about SHI commercial harvests on NWMB given this overlap.

**GN Question 5:**

Was Mr. Nakkoolak ever employed in the commercial harvesting operation either at the abattoir or as a hunter?

**GN Question 6:**

When Mr. Nakkoolak was on the board of the Aiviit HTO between 1996 and 2007 did he participate in or work with government in setting annual commercial harvesting quotas for the abattoir? If yes please explain Mr. Nakkoolak's involvement, who generally represented government and how those decisions were made?

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF INUPIAK ELL:**

**GN Question 7:**

Did Mr. Ell work as a hunter for the commercial harvest operation in March 1996 or in March of 2007?

**GN Question 8:**

Mr. Ell says he remembers the names of 3 individuals who hunted with him for Tunnuq and 6 when the Coral Harbour Community Development Corporation took over. Who are they and what years did each of these hunters work in the commercial harvest?

**GN Question 9:**

GN understands that hunters could make very good money if the harvest went well and they had no equipment problems. Evidence filed with the Board indicates that hunters were among the higher paid local participants in the annual harvest. In other words, regardless of the legal nature of their relationship to the company conducting the harvest, hunters got paid well and made more than the employees working in the abattoir. Can Mr. Ell confirm these facts?

**GN Question 10:**

Mr. Ell indicates that he made \$12.50/caribou plus other income from skidoo rental etc. in the early years rising to \$20.00/caribou later on. He also indicates that he delivered 150 to 200 caribou a week to the abattoir. This corresponds to earnings in the \$1800.00 - \$2500.00 (plus rental income) per week in early years and \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 per week in later years. Can Mr. Ell confirm that.

**GN Question 11:**

Can Mr. Ell confirm that gas and oil and ammunition were provided to hunters working in association with the commercial harvest and that they were fed and could stay in camp at no cost if the weather was bad?

**GN Question 12:**

Can Mr. Ell indicate whether he also hunted caribou for his family during the years he worked on the commercial harvest?

**GN Question 13:**

How was Mr. Ell paid by the commercial harvesting companies he worked for? Cheque or cash? Does he have any recollection of the cheques? Were any deductions made?

**HOME PAGES – KIVALLIQ ARCTIC FOODS, KITIKMEOT FOODS, PANGIRTUNG FISHERIES AND PAPIRRUQ FISHERIES:**

**GN Question 14:**

NTI filed excerpts from the home pages for these four plants. The filed documents addresses char harvesting – a species managed and regulated under a different jurisdiction and legislation; and Muskox which is a presumption as to needs species under the NLCA. What relevance to this proceeding, which is focussed on the role of caribou harvested commercially for export in BNL, does this NTI evidence have?

**GN Question 15:**

Does NTI know whether any of the populations harvested (char and Muskox) by these plants have been the subject of a TAH imposed by the NWMB?

**GN Question 16:**

What does NTI know about the requirements imposed on harvests related to these four plants when the product is intended for export from Nunavut. Please provide detail.

**Submitted by:**

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