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NOTE COMMENTSPLEASE RECYCLE:
hi .
Here is David & Irngauts
letter on Walrus.
I will sent the translated
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To: NWMB

From: David Irngaut: representing Igloolik Hunters.

Igloolik HTO Chairperson.

Subject: IQ on Walrus.

Walrus report that DFO was using to reduce the numbers that hunters can hunt were too old to use, therefore Igloolik people and the HTO Board of Directors want to see NEW research report before they can start what DFO wants, We share walrus meat with other communities all over Nunavut.

Our ancestors, our fathers and our grandfathers and their ancestors use the walrus meat to feed their children up to now, that is why we inuit live up to now, they harvested a lot more walrus than today, they harvested what they need and that can feed other people who are less fortunate.

According to Inuit Qauyimayatuqanit animals moved from place to place, and that is how animals are. Also Inuit live on their harvest even before we were born, they had to feed not just people also dogs and other communities.

We inuit know right away if the DFO reduce our quota on walrus we know there will be trouble, since everybody will start hunting walrus just for their tusks and less for the meat and that will start going over their quota due to few available quota.

And according to IQ, walrus meat feed not just elders also younger generation.

Today there are some companies start teaching younger hunter how to butcher walrus and how to make ungilaaq and how to look after the animal's meat and how to make good igunaaq.

And according to IQ the word of the mouth is the cause of animals leaving the hunting grounds not by over harvesting them.

After seeing the new research report we will set what has to be done, if the DFO cannot give us what we want, we will say 200 walruses per year for Igloolik, if there is no other choice.

Thank you for understanding:

David Irngaut - Representing Igloolik hunters.

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