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Written Submission for NWMB's Public Hearing on Bathurst and Bluenose East Caribou Herds

First of all, thank you for extending the submission deadline for this important management concern.

We'd like to start by saying that putting a TAH would be very negative right now for many reasons. We do not feel that the Government of Nunavut consulted with the affected communities of Kugluktuk, Ekaluktutiak, Omingmaktok and Kingaok.

We also do not feel that the management by HTOs has been taken into consideration by the GN. These HTOs and communities have put their own harvest restrictions for the two herds in the past. As a result of concerns raised by the GN, the HTOs are developing a community based management plan.

This plan does not include a TAH right now. Instead, the management plan will take into account Inuit knowledge and rules to address the concerns raised by the GN. Some of these rules include hunting areas, IQ principles, and harvest reporting.

These are some of the points we are addressing at this point in time. The affected communities were consulted and agreed these are the most valid points KRWB wanted to address.

Thank you again for allowing me to make a short but understandable note on this.

Yours truly,

Simon Qingnaqtuq

Chairperson



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