

Nattivak Hunters & Trappers Association

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nu XOA 0H0

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Polar Bear Management Public Hearing

Nattivak HTO Board of Directors input and comments regarding revised polar bear management.

<u>Defence Kill:</u> While there's Polar bears in the community that have to be killed by defence, the tag gets taken out from the Quota and when there's female overage the Polar Bear hunt then closes. We have used this law for many years. A suggestion for the Governement for example, when there's Polar bear defence kill the harvester could use the tag under its name instead of taken out from the Quota.

<u>Damage Cabins:</u> If the polar bear detterants can be available to the people suxh as electric fence wall, cable, and bangers as the cabins often get damaged by Polar Bears. A suggestion is if there can be application available to the community.

<u>Polar Bear Monitor:</u> In many communities there are no Conservation officer including Qikiqtarjuaq, a suggestion for the Government is to bring a job offer for Polar Bear Monitor while there is no Conservation Officer. As there are many people who are qualified for Polar Bear monitor in the community. For many years we've had Bi-Law officer and RCMP dealing with Polar Bears. This would be an opportunity for people in the community willing to help out as monitor.

If you have any questions, concerns, and or comments you can contact the Chairperson Jacopie Audlakiak during regular business hours to: (867) 927-8836

With Regards,

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