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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

May 10th, 2017

Honourable Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq,

Re: Polar bear credit requests from Spence Bay (Taloyoak) Hunters and Trappers Association

On May 4th, 2017 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received communications from the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board regarding two requests for polar bear credits from the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association. The Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association requested 1 female polar bear credit from the M'Clintock Channel subpopulation and 2 female polar bear credits from the Gulf of Boothia subpopulation. Both requests are for use in the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season. The Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board indicated its support for approving both of the requests (Appendix 1) and the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment confirmed that the credits are available for use.

The NWMB considered the requests during its internal in-camera teleconference on May 10th, 2017 (INT-004-2017) and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve, in accordance with the principles of conservation, the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association's request for one (1) female polar bear credit from the M'Clintock Channel subpopulation for use during the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season, which is compliant with the "Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear Population" and its associated flexible quota system.

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve, in accordance with the principles of conservation, the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association's request for two (2) female polar bear credits from the Gulf of Boothia subpopulation for use during the 2016/2017 polar bear harvest season, which is compliant with the "Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Gulf of Boothia Polar Bear Population" and its associated flexible quota system

In making this decision, the NWMB considered the credit records for Spence Bay from the subpopulations in question. The Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment has confirmed that there are 1.33 female polar bear credits available from M'Clintock Channel and 2.99 female polar bear credits available from Gulf of Boothia for the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association (Appendix 2). By approving these requests, Taloyoak's allocations of

M'Clintock Channel polar bears will increase to five (three males and two females) and its Gulf of Boothia polar bears will increase to twenty-seven (seventeen males and ten females).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Management, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment
Mike Harte, Polar Bear Harvest Technician, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment
Joe Ashevak, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Management Board
Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association

Appendix 1. Letter from Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board to NWMB supporting Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association request for polar bear credits
Appendix 2. Letter from Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment to Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board confirming the available polar bear credits.



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Minister of Environment
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May 30, 2017

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RE: Polar bear credit requests from Spence Bay (Taloyoak) Hunters and Trappers Association

Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

Thank you for your letter dated May 10, 2017 regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) decision related to the use of polar bear credits by the Spence Bay (Taloyoak) Hunters and Trappers Association.

I hereby accept the NWMB decision to approve the credit requests of:

- one (1) female polar bear credit for the 2016-2017 harvest season from the M'Clintock Channel sub-population;
- two (2) female polar bear credits for the 2016-2017 harvest season from the Gulf of Boothia subpopulation.

I will instruct my staff to implement the change and distribute additional tags to the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association immediately, for polar bear harvests up until June 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

Hon. Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment

cc: Joe Ashevak – Chairperson, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board
Sam Tulurialik – Chairperson, Spence Bay HTA
Drikus Gissing – Director of Wildlife, Department of Environment