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Managing wildlife, guided by conservation principles, honouring the key role of Inuit in harvesting, for the well-being of current and future generations in Nunavut.

April 07, 2025

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Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson

Re: NWMB Visit to Coral Harbour – Basic Needs Level for Southampton Island Caribou

As part of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) mandate under the Nunavut Agreement, NWMB staff would like to visit Coral Harbour in May 2025 to meet with the Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization to discuss establishing a Basic Needs Level for Southampton Island caribou.

Basic Needs Level (ᐃᓅᔪᑎᒋᔭᐅᔭᓇᐊᓖᑦ) – Nunavut Agreement 5.6.19 – 5.6.24
Under the Nunavut Agreement, the Basic Needs Level determines the priority allocation of wildlife when a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) is set, ensuring that Inuit harvesting rights come first:

- If the TAH is equal to or less than the BNL, Inuit receive the entire harvest.
- If the TAH is greater than the BNL, the excess harvest beyond the BNL may be allocated to others (non-Inuit).

While the NWMB and the Minister set a TAH in 2013 for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd, a Basic Needs Level was never established. NWMB staff would like to meet with your organization to discuss setting the Basic Needs Level, as it represents the priority allocation of the Southampton Island caribou herd reserved for Inuit beneficiaries.

How the Basic Needs Level is Calculated
To establish the Basic Needs Level, the NWMB has decided to rely on data from the Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study (1996–2001), which does not include caribou harvested for sale outside the Nunavut Settlement Area and will not include caribou harvested for commercial purposes.

The Nunavut Agreement provides two options for calculating the Basic Needs Level:

1. Using only the Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study (1996–2001).
2. Using the Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study along with community harvest records from 2008 to 2012 (if available).

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In line with the NWMB's decision, caribou harvested for sale to the meat plant will not be considered under either option.

NWMB staff will follow up with Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization soon to schedule a meeting.

We have attached NWMB's July 19, 2024, letter, which explains the process in more detail. We look forward to meeting with you and your Board to discuss this important matter.

Yours truly,

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NWMB Chairperson

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