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ISSUE: Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (HTO) written response to Government of Nunavut's submission for muskox management zone MX-07

BACKGROUND:

- Muskox have always been an important staple in the diet of Kugluktuk Inuit
- Kugluktuk harvesters utilize 3 zones to harvest muskox: MX-11 east of the Coppermine River; MX-09 west of the Coppermine River; MX-07 Victoria Island. MX-09 and MX-11 are the main areas hunters use
- There has been no harvest from zone MX-07 Kugluktuk hunters since 2019 and prior to that, it has been low
- Kugluktuk harvesters have noticed a decline in population (and health) and have utilized other zones to hunt
- Kugluktuk HTO did not support the Government of Nunavut's plan to survey zone MX-07

CURRENT STATUS:

- The Kugluktuk HTO met with Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment staff on June 18, 2025 to discuss survey results
- The discussion was about the possible recommendation of a Total Allowable Harvest reduction from 400 to 5 for the entire zone
- The Kugluktuk HTO did not support this and recommended that the Government bring this to the community
- The Kugluktuk HTO uses MX-11 for its community hunt under the Country Food Distribution Program

RECOMMENDATION:

- The Kugluktuk HTO would like the Total Allowable Harvest to remain at 400 and that each hunters and trappers organization conduct its own wildlife management for this zone, as it has been doing
- The Kugluktuk HTO will be engaging with other hunters and trappers organizations and co-management partners for a submission to a future Nunavut Wildlife Management Board meeting for the removal of the Total Allowable Harvest for muskox zone MX-11

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