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ISSUE: Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (HTO) written response to Government of Nunavut's submission for Dolphin and Union population estimate

BACKGROUND:

- Dolphin and Union caribou have always been an important staple in the diet of Kugluktuk Inuit
- The HTO was in support of the collaring and the survey programs and were involved in planning and design
- The Government of Nunavut conducted the survey in the fall of 2023 with observers from Kugluktuk participating
- Kugluktuk harvesters participate in the Government of Nunavut's wolf incentive program. Kugluktuk residents have seen an increase in caribou yearlings and calves as result of the reduction of wolves in the caribou wintering grounds

CURRENT STATUS:

- The Kugluktuk HTO had been inquiring about the survey report via email to the regional biologist starting in March of 2024
- The Government of Nunavut sent the report to the affected hunters and trappers organizations on December 30, 2024
- The Government of Nunavut Department of Environment Regional Biologist sent a secondary analysis on January 20, 2025 with the population estimates being different
- Kugluktuk HTO met with Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment staff on February 17, 2025 to discuss survey results. One issue brought up was the amount of time we had to wait for the results. 14 months had passed since the survey was completed. The other issue was regarding the secondary analysis that was received. The government had stated that the December 2024 report was the official results.
- The Total Allowable Harvest is at 105 for the entire zone and Kugluktuk received 50

RECOMMENDATION:

- The Kugluktuk HTO would like the Government of Nunavut to provide results quicker
- The Kugluktuk HTO would like to see the herd population increase and the removal of the total allowable harvest

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