

WILDLIFE ACT

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**SOUTHAMPTON ISLAND CARIBOU HERD TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST INTERIM ORDER
(July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)**

Whereas there has been a precipitous decline in the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd since 1997, from more than 30,000 to fewer than 8,000 animals;

And Whereas current harvest levels of more than 2,300 caribou per year combined with a 50% reduction in the breeding success rate of the herd since 2000 and a severe outbreak of brucellosis are likely to result in extirpation of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd within three to five years if conservation measures are not taken immediately;

And Whereas the Southampton Island Caribou Herd is an important food, cultural, and economic resource for the community of Coral Harbour;

And Whereas the Coral Harbour HTO, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (“NWMB”), and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated agree that immediate conservation measures should be taken to maintain the stability and sustainability of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd until it can be determined if additional long-term conservation measures are necessary;

And Whereas the Minister is of the opinion that urgent and unusual circumstances exist requiring an immediate modification in harvesting activities with respect to the Southampton Island Caribou Herd,

The Minister, in accordance with paragraph 121(b) and section 150 of the *Wildlife Act* and every enabling power, makes the annexed *Southampton Island Caribou Herd Total Allowable Harvest Interim Order (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)*.

1. In this Order, “Southampton Island Caribou Herd” means all caribou found on Southampton Island and White Island, being part of Wildlife Management Barren-Ground Caribou Area N/BC/12, as described in the *Wildlife Management Barren-Ground Caribou Areas Regulations*, N.W.T.Reg. R-099-98, as duplicated for Nunavut by section 29 of the *Nunavut Act* (Canada).

2. (1) A total allowable harvest is established for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd for the harvest year of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, in accordance with this Order.

(2) The total allowable harvest from the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd for the harvest year is 1,000 caribou.

(3) It is presumed that the Inuit of Coral Harbour need the full amount of the total allowable harvest.

(4) The full amount of the total allowable harvest and basic needs level for the harvest year is allocated to the community of Coral Harbour.

3. The Coral Harbour HTO may issue tags for allocating the basic needs level among its members.

4. For the purposes of conservation, the harvest of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd during the harvest year is subject to the following non-quota limitations:

- (a) there shall be no harvesting of cow-calf pairs; and
- (b) there shall be no harvesting of mature bull caribou.

5. This Order is subject to review as soon as practicable by the NWMB in accordance with section 158 of the Act, but remains in effect until the earlier of:

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- (a) June 30, 2013;
- (b) registration of an Order to implement an accepted decision of the NWMB concerning the Southampton Island Caribou Herd; or
- (c) registration of a subsequent Order of the Minister.

6. This Order comes into force on the later of July 1, 2012 and the date of registration by the Registrar of Regulations.

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