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**Re: NWMB Polar Bear Management Plan Public Hearing in Iqaluit. November 13-16, 2018
Cadet Hall:**

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide written comments on the Nunavut polar bear management plan.

The Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization is supportive of the NWMB's public hearing regarding the polar bears in Nunavut.

Recommendation from the Arviq HTO in Naujaat and the community: The TAH should be increased for Foxe Basin as the community of Naujaat's TAH is only 14 per year, females = 4 males = 10.

A population in Naujaat appears to have increased also in other communities.

The TAH for both sexes should be same numbers as it is written on Sex Selective Harvest:

"Males can also breed with multiple females in a given season which reinforces that females are the limiting factor for species survival." But if the male polar bears are over harvested how will the females reproduce cubs?

A concern we have regarding the polar bears is that the community do see the numbers have increased, and many polar bears roam around the community, and at the camp sights. As the communities of Nunavut heard about the incidents that happened near the community of Naujaat and the community of Arviat. The TAH for all areas of Nunavut should be increased for the future TAH as we do not want the incidents happen again throughout the Nunavut.

Sincerely, *Louis Angotingoar*

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