



Nunavut Wildlife Management Board  
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**Re: Devon Island Muskoxen Written Hearing**

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First of all, I would like to thank Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) the opportunity for letting us able to provide our opinion before a decision is made, and Department of Environment for requesting a decision and for their research studies.

**Total Allowable Harvest**

Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board is supporting the position of Resolute Bay Hunters' and trappers to increase the Devon Island Muskoxen total allowable harvest to 100 tags annually from 50.

While this position of slight increase in TAH is conservative, as other options included a complete removal of TAH or status quo of 50 annually.

**Research**

QWB is recommending the population be monitored and surveyed after 5 years if the population is still increasing and reconsideration if complete removal of Devon Island muskoxen TAH is warranted.

**Communities:**

Currently, only 3 communities (Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay & Arctic Bay) are identified to harvest in Devon Island muskoxen, QWB is recommending community of Pond Inlet be also begin harvesting muskoxen in Devon Island.

Pond Inlet HTO has in the past have harvested for the personal use and for community only after receiving permission from the 3 identified communities to utilize their tags.

This is in support of Pond Inlet's submission to be included in harvesting in Devon Island.





