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Nunavut Tunngavik Launches Polar Bear Hotline

(December 14, 2009 – Rankin Inlet, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Vice-President of Finance Raymond Ningeocheak today launched a hotline to give Inuit the opportunity to express concerns about polar bears.

NTI wants Inuit to call the toll-free or local telephone numbers and express concerns about polar bears. NTI is collecting traditional knowledge about polar bears and climate change.

NTI set up the hotline following the United States' attempts to have all trade on polar bear products banned worldwide under the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species (CITES).

Please call NTI's toll-free or Iqaluit-based telephone numbers by the end of February. NTI plans to use the information gathered to present at a CITES conference planned for March, 2010.

Toll-free: 1-877-975-4901. Iqaluit: (867) 979-4101.

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