



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Elder Knowledge on Wildlife

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WHEREAS Elders have a wealth of invaluable knowledge on, among other things, Arctic wildlife and environment, which forms an essential part of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit or Inuit Traditional Knowledge;

AND WHEREAS the collection, recognition and utilization of this knowledge is key for the health and well-being of Inuit society and the preservation of Inuit traditions;

AND WHEREAS this knowledge should be considered on an equal or higher footing as Western science in wildlife research and management in the Arctic;

AND WHEREAS this knowledge has been consistently ignored or undervalued by the governments, wildlife management boards, scientists and advocacy groups;

AND WHEREAS this knowledge is being lost at a rapid pace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the governments and wildlife management boards to recognize and utilize Elders' knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit on an equal footing as Western science in wildlife management in Nunavut;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Elders' knowledge be systematically recorded and published, and NTI make it an urgent priority to establish, fund and maintain a system of recording and publishing Elders' knowledge.

In Favour: 16

Against:

Abstentions: 1

Carried:

Defeated: