



## Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Iqaluit, Nunavut

October 23-25, 2018

**Resolution #: RSA 18-10-15**

**Polar Bear Management**

**Moved by:** James Eetoolook

**Seconded by:** Helena Maliki

**WHEREAS** Inuit are experiencing an increase of dangerous encounters with polar bears in communities in Nunavut and while out on the land or in their camps, as well as property damage and country food spoilage;

**AND WHEREAS** NTI believes the current Nunavut Polar Bear Management Plan does not adequately address the risks of dangerous polar bear encounters;

**AND WHEREAS** NTI believes that decisions regarding polar bear harvest management plans were primarily based on Western scientific research without balanced and adequate consideration of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, which shall be relied upon on an equal footing as Western science;

**AND WHEREAS** NTI believes the current polar bear harvest management plans may have contributed to an increased risk of dangerous polar bear encounters because of promotion of sex-selective harvests, the requirement to count defense or emergency kills from Total Allowable Harvests, and the lack of measures to address habituation of bears to humans and dogs caused by the tourism industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to take all available measures to address the risks of dangerous polar bear encounters in Nunavut communities, and to revise any future polar bear management plans to fully incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and to adequately address safety concerns, protection of property and country food, and the necessity to engage the tourism industry to address habituation of polar bears to humans.

**In Favour:** All

**Against:**

**Abstentions:**

**Carried:**   
**Defeated:**