



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

October 20-22, 2020

Resolution No. RSA-20-10-08

**GN Interim Order on
Dolphin-Union Caribou**

Moved by: Stanley Anablak

Seconded by: James Eetoolook

WHEREAS through an order issued on September 4, 2020, the Government of Nunavut (GN) implemented an interim Total Allowable Harvest (the “Interim TAH”) for harvesting caribou from the Dolphin and Union herd, based on Section 5.3.24 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, which provides:

When urgent and unusual circumstances require an immediate modification in harvesting activities, the Minister or the Minister's delegated agent may make and implement any reasonable interim decision. The NWMB shall conduct a full review as soon as practicable thereafter.

AND WHEREAS the Interim TAH of forty-two (42) caribou, based on an aerial survey of the Dolphin-Union caribou herd completed by the GN in the Fall of 2018 (the “2018 Survey”), amounts to a 1% of the estimated population;

AND WHEREAS the affected Inuit communities and hunters were not consulted on the design and results of the 2018 Survey, and believe that the Survey was flawed and incomplete;

AND WHEREAS the affected Inuit communities and hunters were not adequately consulted on the proposed Interim TAH before the GN made the decision;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5.1.2 (h) and Section 5.1.6 of the *Nunavut Agreement* provides that “there is a need for an effective role for Inuit in all aspects of wildlife management ...”

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5.1.3 (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* provides, as an objective, the creation of a wildlife management system that ... “(ii) fully acknowledges and reflects the primary role of Inuit in wildlife harvesting, ... and that (v) invites public participation and promotes public confidence, particularly amongst Inuit...”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the GN to immediately accommodate the needs and wishes of the affected communities by adjusting the Interim TAH to 2% of the estimated population based on the 2018 Survey;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members urge the GN, when invoking Section 5.3.24 in urgent and unusual circumstances, to follow the established, consensus-based practice to work with Inuit communities and hunters as well as the Regional Inuit Associations, to seek community support for any interim measures, and to consult with the communities and hunters on the design and methodology of any surveys before they are conducted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members urge the GN to collaborate closely with Inuit communities and hunters as well as the Regional Inuit Associations, to fully incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into any new population surveys, and to ensure an expeditious review of the Interim TAH by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried:

Defeated:

Dated: October 22, 2020