



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

November 18-20, 2008

Resolution#: RSA 11-09

Western Hudson Bay Polar Bear

Moved by: Jose Kusugak

Seconded by: Peter Kritiqlilik

WHEREAS, the members believe that the decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, accepted by the Government of Nunavut's Minister of Environment, to reduce the western Hudson Bay polar bear total allowable harvest (TAH) from 38 for the previous year to 8 for the 2008-2009 and future harvesting seasons, was made without sufficient scientific justification or consideration of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and without adequate consultation and accommodation of Inuit rights and interests; and

WHEREAS, the members further believe that the above decision was not made in compliance with the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and, in particular, that it restricts Inuit harvesting more than is necessary to effect a valid conservation purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members urge the NWMB and the Government of Nunavut to use all their available authority under the NLCA to revisit and modify the above decision and to set an appropriate polar bear TAH in the western Hudson Bay area, after fully consulting with Inuit, incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and accommodating Inuit rights and interests.

In favor: 46
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Carried: X
Defeated:

Date: November 21, 2008