



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 21-23, 2025

Resolution No. RSA-25-10-09

Polar Bear Management

Moved by: Paul Inngaut

Seconded by: Billy Etooangat

WHEREAS Inuit in Nunavut communities have been reporting higher numbers of polar bears for many years;

AND WHEREAS the increased polar bear population has resulted in an increasing number of dangerous encounters between Inuit and polar bears;

AND WHEREAS the increased polar bear population also negatively impacts other animals such as Eider that provide food and materials for Inuit;

AND WHEREAS Inuit have repeatedly and firmly asserted that current polar bear quotas disregard Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and fail to protect public safety and private property as envisioned by the *Nunavut Agreement*;

AND WHEREAS Inuit rights such as harvesting are a protected right under Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and under section 35 of the *Constitution Act 1982*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members urgently call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to take immediate actions to address public safety, protection of property, and impacts on country food;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to review existing limitations on polar harvesting including polar bear management plans in order to respect and incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: ☒
Defeated: ☐

Dated: October 23, 2025