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Polar Bear Community HTO's
Polar Bear Community Renewable Resource Officers
Regional Superintendents for Baffin, Keewatin, Kitikmeot, and Inuvik Region
Director, Fisheries and Wildlife Division (Nunavut)
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Re: Polar Bear Harvest Summaries for 1995/96

As per the most recent Polar Bear Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding; a summary of the polar bear harvest is provided. These data are collected annually from the hunters by the Renewable Resource Officers (and in some cases the community HTO's), and sent to the Polar Bear Harvest Program coordinator in Yellowknife. We thank the hunters and the officers for their support of polar bear conservation.

Most Nunavut communities have agreed to a flexible quota system whereby the quota is based on an annual sustained yield of males and females. If the kill of females (or males) exceeds the maximum sustained yield, the overkill may result in a decrease of the quota for the following year. The quota is also based on a system of credits (as per the Agreements/MOU's). No reductions in quota will occur unless the credits from unharvested bears in previous years have been used up (credits are zero or minus).

This system has not been adopted by the Inuvialuit communities (South Beaufort, North Beaufort, and Viscount Melville Sound populations), or by communities that harvest the Davis Strait population. For these populations the credits summary is for information purposes only. For 1996/97 all communities were started with their full quota which is based on the intention to harvest two males for each female.

Please contact your local Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Development Officer if you have any questions. Good luck to all hunters for harvesting males.



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POLAR BEAR HARVEST REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN HUDSON BAY POPULATION

COMMUNITY OF SANIKILUAQ

YEAR	MALE KILLS	FEMALE KILLS	TOTAL KILLS	QUOTA FOR SUSTAINABLE HARVEST	MALE CREDITS	FEMALE CREDITS
1991/92	14	11	25	25	+2.67	-2.67
1992/93	12	13	25	25	+4.67	-4.67
1993/94	15	10	25	25	+1.67	-1.67
1994/95	19	6	25	25	-2.33	+2.33
1995/96	13	12	25	25	+3.67	-3.67
TOTAL	73	52	125	125	+10.33	-10.33

SOUTHERN HUDSON BAY POPULATION SUMMARY

COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY HUNTS IN 1995/96	SPORT HUNTS IN 1995/96	OTHER KILLS (Defence, problem, illegal etc)	MALE CREDITS (Last 5yrs)	FEMALE CREDITS (Last 5yrs)	QUOTA FOR 1996/97
Sanikiluaq	25	0	0	+10.33	-10.33	25
TOTAL	0	0	0	+10.33	-10.33	25

1996/97 QUOTA FOR SANIKILUAQ (SOUTHERN HUDSON BAY) WILL BE: 25