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Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you for the notice on the survey of polar bears in the Foxe Basin zone. The notice of screening gives us an opportunity to make comments and ask questions as well.

1st chapter notes the Proponent intends to conduct research to estimate the population abundance of the Foxe basin subpopulation and characterization of polar bear movements between surrounding subpopulation boundaries. Quoted from NIRBs information package

My question is would the department by now of the 13 subpopulation zones have a file of the polar bears movements between these zones or at least to the adjacent zone from previous collaring programs?

2 Program starting date is in July to August of this year. How can you determine the population in just a short span when the subpopulation covers a huge landmass , 9 communities in total with only 2 helicopters? I question as well why Baker Lake is included in this survey. They have 1 tag annually and hunters from there on several occasions have come to Coral Harbour to hunt for their tag.

Also people are not happy with the use of helicopters on any surveys of animals. The noise from the choppers affect all other wildlife species including the polar bear.

3 Hiring and training community members to lead a community lead hair snare stations within municipal boundaries. While I strongly support that concept and it's a good way of sampling with minimal wildlife interactions with the human population.

My question again about the community of Baker Lake. With social media we hear what is

happening on the other side of the world .We've yet to hear from my side of the Kivalliq a polar bear has been sighted within the boundaries of Baker Lake. Nothing against the community. I question your intelligence or lack of knowledge of the polar bear.

Noises from the helicopter will without a doubt cause adverse effects on wildlife habitat.

For many years now my community members have been, myself included have been witnessing the polar bear numbers in abundance but without scientific evidence , my people are excused from the equation

Those are my comments as the Mayor of Coral Harbour

I look forward to hearing from you

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