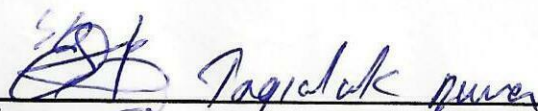


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January 22, 2025

Paul Nagmalik
Hunters and Trappers Association
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this to support to deploy the hydrophone for walrus work.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Nagmalik". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Sincerely,
Paul Nagmalik, HTA Chairperson

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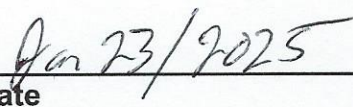
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Jan. 14, 2025
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Questions/comments: The board of directors are in support of number one Collection of skin and blubber biopsies, 2 remote deployment of satellite tags using crossbows, 4 deployment of time-laps cameras at terrestrial haul-out, but the board of directors DO NOT support 3 collecting drone imagery over terrestrial haul-out sites.

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