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Re: Golder Technical Memorandum No. 1663724-285-TM-Rev1-48000
Preliminary Summary of 2020 Narwhal Monitoring Programs

Dear Karen Costello

Please find attached the Hamlet's response to this very important summary of the 2020 Narwhal Monitoring Program.

The Hamlet thanks Baffinland for a report that is well-organized and easy to read.

The Hamlet is responding with detailed observations on the content. This is because significant changes in the number of Narwhal in Milne Inlet and Eclipse Sound are of great concern to the Hamlet of Pond Inlet and all Mittimatalingmiut. There are serious implications for food security. But other matters that concern the Hamlet are equally important. Narwhal are important to our culture, way of life, social relations and social and psychological well-being.

For this reason, our technical advisor, drawing on his knowledge and experience with Inuit elders and hunters, and in conversation with me as Mayor, and others, has taken a close look at this Memorandum. We have made observations that we hope will be helpful to further actions and studies that deal with this very important matter.

Sincerely

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Mayor