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Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting February 5–7 in Iqaluit

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 1, 2013) – The annual general meeting for members of the Polar Bear Technical Committee will be held in Iqaluit from February 5-7, 2013. The Government of Nunavut’s Department of Environment is hosting the event.

The Polar Bear Technical Committee meets annually to discuss research, harvest and management of polar bears in Canada, and to provide advice to the Polar Bear Administrative Committee on the status of Canadian polar bear populations.

“Our commitment to the conservation principles and sustainable management of the polar bear species is successful because of collaboration efforts with our communities and partnering organizations,” stated Minister of Environment James Arreak. This committee’s research, review program and recommendations are an important contribution towards the ongoing conservation and sustainability of this important species within Nunavut.”

The committee is made up of technical representatives from each of the provinces and territories that have the management authority for polar bears (Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario, Québec and Yukon).

Also attending will be representatives from Environment Canada; Parks Canada Agency, as well as management committees, councils or boards established by land claim agreements that have management authority for polar bears, including the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Wildlife Management Advisory Committee (Alaska North Slope), Inuvialuit Game Council, the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board, Makivik Corporation, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board.

Invited specialist attendees at this year’s annual general meeting include the United States Geological Survey, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Canadian Wildlife Service, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, Kivalliq Wildlife Board, and the World Wildlife Fund.

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