

**WILDLIFE ACT**

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**SOUTHAMPTON ISLAND CARIBOU HERD TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST ORDER**

Whereas there has been a precipitous decline in the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd since 1997, from more than 30,000 to approximately 12,000 animals;

And whereas the Southampton Island Caribou Herd is an important food, cultural, and economic resource for the community of Coral Harbour;

And whereas the Minister has accepted a decision of the NWMB on the total allowable harvest and non-quota limitation for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd;

And whereas the NWMB has not yet made a decision respecting the basic needs level for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd;

And whereas the Minister is of the opinion that urgent and unusual circumstances exist requiring an immediate modification in harvesting activities with respect to the Southampton Island Caribou Herd,

The Minister, in accordance with the accepted decision of the NWMB, under sections 120, 121, 150, 156, and 157, and paragraph 121(b) of the *Wildlife Act* and every enabling power, makes the annexed *Southampton Island Caribou Herd Total Allowable Harvest Order*.

1. In this Order,

“harvest year” means an annual period commencing on July 1 of each year and ending on June 30 of the following year. (*année de récolte*)

“Southampton Island Caribou Herd” means all caribou found on Southampton Island and White Island. (*harde de caribous de l’île Southampton*)

2. (1) A total allowable harvest and non-quota limitation are established for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd in accordance with this Order.

(2) The total allowable harvest from the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd for the harvest year is 1600 caribou.

(3) It is presumed that the Inuit of Coral Harbour have a basic need for the full amount of the total allowable harvest set in this Order.

(4) The full amount of the total allowable harvest for the harvest year is allocated to the community of Coral Harbour.

3. No person shall harvest cow-calf pairs from the Southampton Island Caribou Herd.

4. Subsections 2(3) and (4) are subject to review as soon as practicable by the NWMB in accordance with section 158 of the Act, but remain in effect until the earlier of:

- (a) the coming into force of an Order to implement an accepted decision of the NWMB respecting the basic needs level for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd; or
- (b) the coming into force of a subsequent Order of the Minister respecting the basic needs level for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd.

**5. The *Southampton Island Caribou Herd Total Allowable Harvest Interim Order (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)*, registered as statutory instrument numbered R-019-2014, is repealed.**