

**WILDLIFE ACT**

R-019-2014

Registered with the Registrar of Regulations

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**SOUTHAMPTON ISLAND CARIBOU HERD TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST INTERIM ORDER  
(July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)**

Whereas there has been a precipitous decline in the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd since 1997, from more than 30,000 to fewer than 7,000 animals;

And Whereas an increased harvest level combined with a 50% reduction in breeding success rate of the herd since 2000 and a severe outbreak of brucellosis are likely to result in extirpation of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd within three to five years if conservation measures are not continued;

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

And Whereas the NWMB has recommended that an interim harvest limit of 800 caribou be enforced for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd until a final decision is made by the NWMB;

And Whereas for the purposes of conservation it is necessary to impose a non-quota limitation prohibiting the harvesting of cow-calf pairs from 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 paragraph 121(b) and section 150 of the *Wildlife Act* and every enabling power, makes the annexed *Southampton Island Caribou Herd Total Allowable Harvest Interim Order (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)*.

1. In this Order, "Southampton Island Caribou Herd" means all caribou found on Southampton Island and White Island, being part of Wildlife Management Barren-Ground Caribou Area N/BC/12, as described in the *Wildlife Management Barren-Ground Caribou Areas Regulations*, N.W.T.Reg. R-099-98, as duplicated for Nunavut by section 29 of the *Nunavut Act* (Canada).

2. (1) A total allowable harvest is established for the Southampton Island Caribou Herd for the harvest year of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, in accordance with this Order.

(2) The total allowable harvest from the population of the Southampton Island Caribou Herd for the harvest year is 800 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. There shall be no harvesting of cow-calf pairs from the Southampton Island Caribou Herd during the harvest year.

4. This Order is subject to review as soon as practicable by the NWMB in accordance with section 158 of the Act, but remains in effect until the earlier of:

(a) June 30, 2015;

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- (b) the coming into force of an Order to implement an accepted decision of the NWMB concerning the Southampton Island Caribou Herd; or
- (c) the coming into force of a subsequent Order of the Minister.

**5. The *Southampton Island Caribou Herd Total Allowable Harvest Interim Order (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014)*, registered as statutory instrument numbered SI-001-2012, is repealed.**

**6. This Order comes into force on the later of July 1, 2014 and the date of registration by the Registrar of Regulations.**