



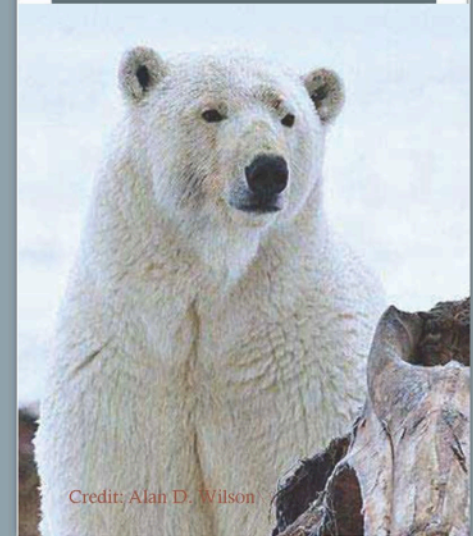
Polar bear wind pants, Sachs Harbour
Credit: R. Knights/NWT Archives

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Credit: Alan D. Wilson



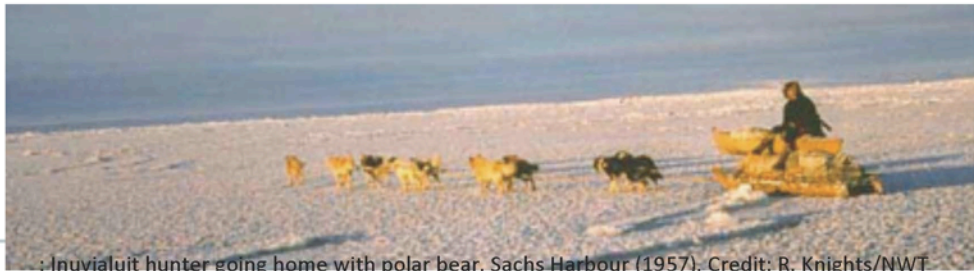
Fleshing a bear in Sachs Harbour, 1958. Credit: R. Knights/ NWT Archives

“This polar bear hunting and harvesting has been part of the culture. And you try to take that away from someone who has said, with passion, you’re taking a lot from that elder. And you’re taking from the young people to continue on what the elders are telling you. So it’s like taking part of their life away.”

–Evelyn Storr (Aklavik, NWT)

Polar bears do NOT meet the biological criteria for uplisting to Appendix I.

An international ban on the trade of polar bears will NOT stop the sustainable harvest of polar bears.



Inuvialuit hunter going home with polar bear. Sachs Harbour (1957). Credit: R. Knights/NWT

Co-management of Polar Bears

The Inuvialuit practice community-based management of polar bears and are partners in a sustainable wildlife co-management system with the federal, territorial governments in Canada and the Inupiat in Alaska.

Polar Bears in Inuvialuit culture

Polar bear hunting is an integral part of Inuvialuit tradition and connects the Inuvialuit to the land and their culture.

“As long as there’s bears around, we’ll always be hunting bears. It’s so natural [to] do. If everybody quit hunting the bears, there would be so many bears that they’d start dying off...In a way, we both kind of go together.”

**-Andy Carpenter Sr.
(Sachs Harbour, NWT)**