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ARCTIC BAY - COMMUNITY FREEZER

In September a severe storm blew the electrical mast off the community freezer. It was then that the wiring in the freezer was discovered to be substandard. NTPC has refused to hook up the power until this deficiency is corrected. It is estimated that the rewiring will cost \$16,000.00 and this is only one problem. The compressor units are 30+ years old and will not last much longer. The question is to spend money on the old one or put money towards a new one. DPW has the money to make repairs but Renewable Resources is to have the funds for a new freezer.

At the present time we do not need a freezer. The freezer unit is required for the six month period of May to October. The problem will come this May, when the weather warms up and the fish from the spring fishery begin to thaw, in June when the Narwhal hunts start and by the end of July there will be \$50,000.00 worth of mukta in the freezer for the rest of the summer. Through the rest of the year Caribou and Arctic Char are bought processed and resold through the meat processing facilities and freezer. The freezer unit in Arctic Bay has a total of \$100,000.00 in produce pass through it annually and there are two persons who work full time. This facility is critical to the hunters who make their limited cash income from hunting in Arctic Bay.

If the funds could be secured for a new freezer there is a chance that the unit could be shipped on the first ship to Nanisivik. With some cooperation it is possible that we would be able to have facilities that would be temporarily leased, to ensure that the hunters of Arctic Bay would not lose a large part of their annual income this spring. We would appreciate anything that you could do to help the hunters and we look forward to working with you on this problem.

Sincerely,

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