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**Supplementary Table S1.** Life history parameters for Pribilof foxes collected as part of this study, including island, sex, age in months (estimated by tooth eruption pattern or tooth cementum annuli count), age class, body condition and weight, fat sampling location, collection year and probability of access to anthropogenic food sources (see main text).

| Collection site   | Animal ID | Sex | Age (m) | Age class | Body condition | Body weight (kg) | Sampling location | Collection year | Access to anthropogenic foods |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| St. George Island | D-01-10   | F   | 18      | adult     | good           | 3.5              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | possible                      |
|                   | D-01-19   | M   | 6       | juvenile  | excellent      | 5.7              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | possible                      |
|                   | D-01-25   | M   | 18      | adult     | good           | 3.75             | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | possible                      |
|                   | D-06-24   | M   | 6       | juvenile  | good           | 2.5              | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | possible                      |
|                   | D-06-25   | F   | 3       | pup       | good           | 3.05             | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | possible                      |
|                   | D-06-27   | M   |         | adult     | very good      | 4                | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-29   | M   |         | adult     | very good      | not available    | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | high                          |
|                   | D-06-30   | M   |         | adult     | very good      | not available    | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-31   | M   | 6       | juvenile  | very good      | 4.6              | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-32   | F   | 12      | adult     | excellent      | 4.75             | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-33   | F   |         | adult     | very good      | 3.6              | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-35   | F   |         | adult     | excellent      | 3.9              | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   | D-06-36   | M   |         | adult     | very good      | 4.4              | dorso-posterior   | 2006            | low                           |
|                   |           |     |         |           |                |                  |                   |                 |                               |
| St. Paul Island   | D-99-14   | F   | 3.5     | pup       | excellent      | 3.2              | dorso-posterior   | 1999            | high                          |
|                   | D-99-15   | F   | 3.5     | pup       | excellent      | 2.9              | dorso-posterior   | 1999            | high                          |
|                   | D-00-11   | F   | 34      | adult     | excellent      | 3.4              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | high                          |
|                   | D-00-12   | F   | 80      | adult     | good           | 4.5              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | high                          |
|                   | D-00-13   | M   | 22      | adult     | excellent      | 5.1              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | possible                      |
|                   | D-00-14   | F   | 10      | juvenile  | very good      | 4.1              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | possible                      |
|                   | D-00-17   | M   | 4       | pup       | excellent      | 3.6              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | possible                      |
|                   | D-00-21   | M   | 11      | juvenile  | very good      | 3.8              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | low                           |
|                   | D-00-22   | M   | 92      | adult     | excellent      | 5.3              | dorso-posterior   | 2000            | possible                      |
|                   | D-00-23   | F   | 26      | adult     | fair           | 3.1              | abdominal         | 2000            | high                          |
|                   | D-01-01   | F   | 12      | adult     | very good      | 3.4              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | low                           |
|                   | D-01-05   | F   | 26      | adult     | very good      | 3.9              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | low                           |
|                   | D-01-06   | M   | 8       | juvenile  | excellent      | 5.1              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | possible                      |
|                   | D-01-07   | M   | 31      | adult     | excellent      | 5                | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | low                           |
|                   | D-01-11   | M   | 12      | adult     | very good      | 5.1              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | low                           |
|                   | D-01-16   | M   | 11      | juvenile  | good           | 3.4              | dorso-posterior   | 2001            | high                          |

|         |     |      |          |               |               |                 |      |          |
|---------|-----|------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------|----------|
| D-01-17 | F   | 11   | juvenile | very good     | 4.5           | dorso-posterior | 2001 | high     |
| D-01-21 | M   | 39   | adult    | very good     | 5.2           | dorso-posterior | 2001 | possible |
| D-01-23 | F   | 24   | adult    | fair/good     | 3.5           | abdominal       | 2001 | high     |
| D-01-24 | F   | 12   | adult    | good          | 3.5           | dorso-posterior | 2001 | low      |
| D-01-29 | unk | ≥ 12 | adult    | very good     | not available | dorso-posterior | 2001 | possible |
| D-02-08 | F   | 13   | adult    | very good     | 4.4           | dorso-posterior | 2002 | high     |
| D-02-09 | F   | 18   | juvenile | good          | 4.75          | dorso-posterior | 2002 | possible |
| D-02-14 | F   | 6    | juvenile | good          | 3.8           | dorso-posterior | 2002 | possible |
| D-02-18 | F   | 14   | adult    | good          | 3.5           | dorso-posterior | 2002 | low      |
| D-03-03 | F   | 10   | juvenile | good          | not available | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-04 | F   | 11   | juvenile | very good     | 4.3           | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-05 | M   | 12   | adult    | fair/good     | 2.9           | mid-ventral     | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-06 | F   | 22   | adult    | excellent     | 4.5           | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-09 | F   | 72   | adult    | fair/good     | 3.8           | mid-ventral     | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-10 | F   | 36   | adult    | good/pregnant | 6.9           | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-11 | F   | 24   | adult    | good/pregnant | 4.9           | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-12 | M   | 36   | adult    | good          | 5             | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-03-16 | M   | 14   | adult    | fair          | 3.1           | abdominal       | 2003 | low      |
| D-03-20 | M   | 3    | pup      | very good     | 2.8           | dorso-posterior | 2003 | high     |
| D-06-07 | M   | 18   | adult    | very good     | 4.6           | dorso-posterior | 2006 | possible |
| D-06-20 | F   | 24   | adult    | fair          | 2.75          | mid-ventral     | 2006 | low      |
| D-06-21 | M   | 24   | adult    | fair          | 4             | mid-ventral     | 2006 | low      |

**Supplementary Table S2.** PCA rotated component-loading weights for POPs contaminant classes in Pribilof foxes ( $n = 50$ ). This analysis does not include stable isotopes. Only weights  $> 0.5$  were reported.

|            | Factor 1 | Factor 2 | Factor 3 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| % variance | 62.5     | 21.3     | 12.2     |
| eigenvalue | 3.1      | 1.1      | 0.6      |
| ΣPCBs      | 0.58     |          |          |
| ΣCHLs      | 0.61     |          |          |
| ΣHCHs      | 0.51     |          |          |
| ΣDDTs      |          | 0.99     |          |
| HCB        |          | 0.99     |          |

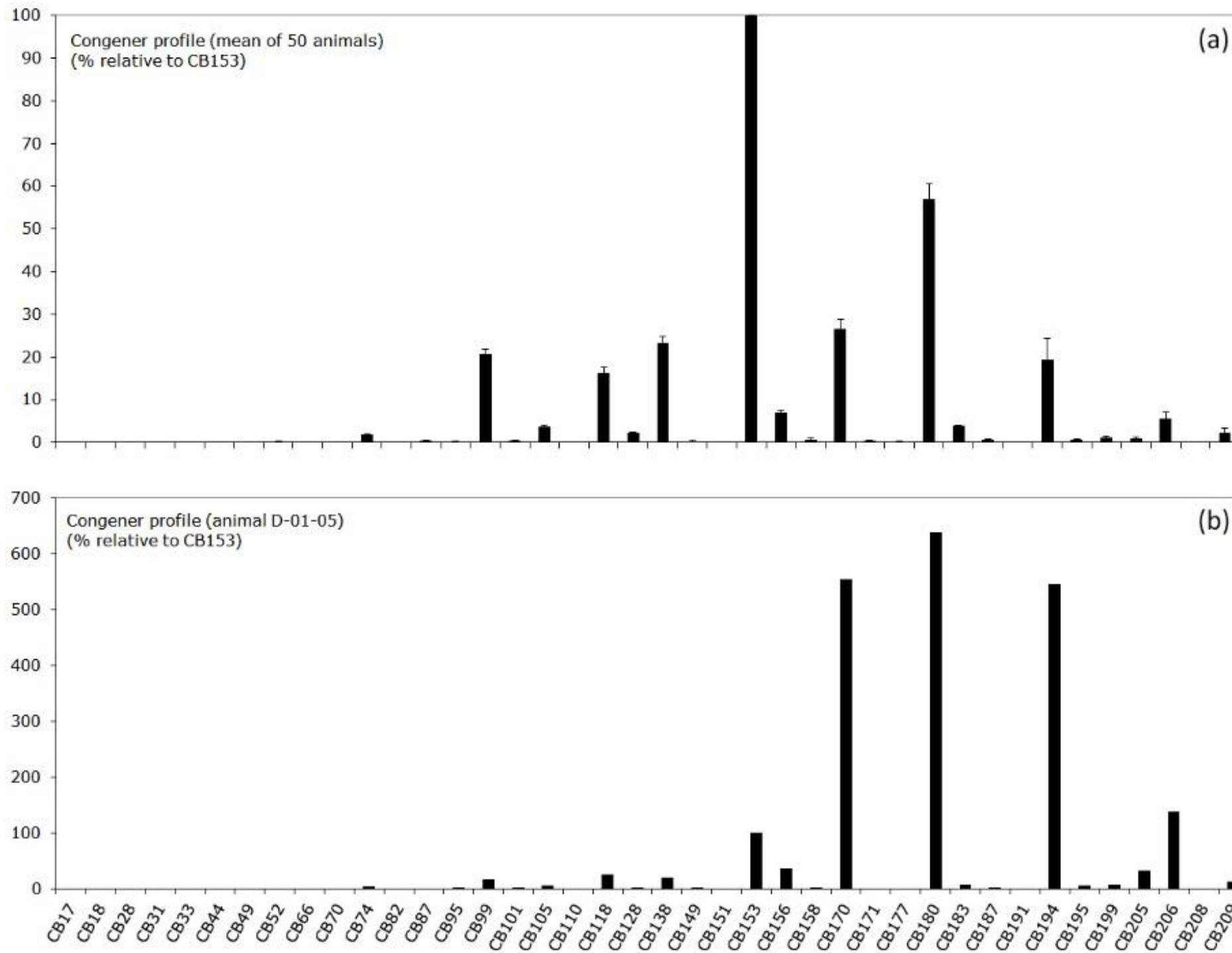
**Supplementary Table S3.** Full GLM parameters and coefficients for PCA Factors 1-3 for POPs in Pribilof foxes ( $n = 50$ ). Age class (adult vs. juvenile/pup), sex, island and access to human foods were included as potential covariates. This analysis does not include stable isotopes. Results with  $p$  values  $< 0.05$  are shown in boldface.

| Model    |                                | Estimate | Standard error | <i>p</i> value |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Factor 1 | (Intercept)                    | -0.96    | 0.55           | 0.086          |
|          | Access (high vs. low)          | -1.42    | 0.56           | <b>0.015</b>   |
|          | Access (possible vs. low)      | -0.86    | 0.58           | 0.145          |
|          | Island (St. Paul)              | 1.61     | 0.53           | <b>0.004</b>   |
|          | Sex (male)                     | 1.40     | 0.45           | <b>0.004</b>   |
|          | Age class (adult vs. nonadult) | -0.15    | 0.49           | 0.761          |
| Factor 2 | (Intercept)                    | 0.78     | 0.36           | 0.037          |
|          | Access (high vs. low)          | 0.30     | 0.37           | 0.423          |
|          | Access (possible vs. low)      | -0.36    | 0.38           | 0.344          |
|          | Island (St. Paul)              | -1.02    | 0.34           | <b>0.005</b>   |
|          | Sex (male)                     | -0.26    | 0.30           | 0.386          |
|          | Age class (adult vs. nonadult) | 0.28     | 0.32           | 0.389          |
| Factor 3 | (Intercept)                    | 0.62     | 0.23           | <b>0.010</b>   |
|          | Access (high vs. low)          | -0.68    | 0.23           | <b>0.006</b>   |
|          | Access (possible vs. low)      | 0.31     | 0.24           | 0.201          |
|          | Island (St. Paul)              | -0.54    | 0.22           | <b>0.017</b>   |
|          | Sex (male)                     | -0.24    | 0.19           | 0.218          |
|          | Age class (adult vs. nonadult) | 0.21     | 0.20           | 0.307          |

**Supplementary Table S4.** Concentrations of selected POPs (ng/g, lw) and stable isotope values in tissues of Arctic foxes from various regions, summarized from the literature.

|                      | Sampling year(s) | ΣPCBs        | ΣCHLs        | ΣHCHs     | ΣDDTs     | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ | Reference, notes                  |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pribilof Islands, AK | 1999-2006        |              |              |           |           |                       |                       | this study                        |
| mean                 |                  | 5300         | 4600         | 740       | 190       | -19.0                 | 15.5                  |                                   |
| range                |                  | 190 – 61,350 | 200 – 98,200 | 37 – 7360 | nd – 890  | -17.3 – -21.8         | 11.0 – 19.0           |                                   |
| n, tissue            |                  | 51, fat      | 51, fat      | 51, fat   | 51, fat   | 39, muscle            | 39, muscle            | muscle not lipid extracted for SI |
| Barrow, AK           | 1999-2001        |              |              |           |           |                       |                       | Hoekstra et al. 2003              |
| mean                 |                  | 1600         | 3100         | 285       | 113       | -23.5                 | 11.2                  |                                   |
| n, tissue            |                  | 18, liver    | 18, liver    | 18, liver | 18, liver | 18, muscle            | 18, muscle            | muscle not lipid extracted for SI |
| Holman, NT           | 1999-2001        |              |              |           |           |                       |                       | Hoekstra et al. 2003              |
| mean                 |                  | 1350         | 2400         | 120       | 43        | -24.5                 | 9.3                   |                                   |
| n, tissue            |                  | 20, liver    | 20, liver    | 20, liver | 20, liver | 20, muscle            | 20, muscle            | muscle not lipid extracted for SI |

|                  |                      |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Arviat, NU       | 1999-2001            |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Hoekstra et al. 2003      |
| mean             | 1700                 | 1100                 | 230        | 93                   | -23.5         | 8.0        |                                   |                           |
| n, tissue        | 20, muscle           | 20, muscle           | 20, muscle | 20, muscle           | 20, muscle    | 20, muscle | muscle not lipid extracted for SI |                           |
| Iceland, coastal | 1993                 |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Klobes et al. 1998        |
| mean             | 72,500               | 61,400               | 254        | 767                  |               |            | assuming 6% lipid                 |                           |
| range            | 11,200 – 136,000     | 9133 – 131,117       | 150 – 317  | 117 – 2750           |               |            | assuming 6% lipid                 |                           |
| n, tissue        | 4, liver             | 4, liver             | 4, liver   | 4, liver             |               |            |                                   |                           |
| Svalbard         | 1997-2013            |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Andersen et al. 2015      |
| range            | 76 – 53,129          | 121 – 48,722         | 3.1 – 527  | 0.19 – 19,633        | -19.1 – -25.4 |            | p, p'-DDE, $\beta$ -HCH only      |                           |
| n, tissue        | 141, liver           | 141, liver           | 141, liver | 141, liver           | 141, muscle   |            | muscle not lipid extracted for SI |                           |
| Svalbard         | 1998-99              |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Fuglei et al. 2007        |
| mean             | 8,946                | 3942.4               |            | 50.5                 |               |            | p, p'-DDE only                    |                           |
| range            | 600 – 36,048         | 400 – 19,489         |            | 0.9 – 1267           | ~19 – ~23     | ~8 – ~15   |                                   |                           |
| n, tissue        | 20, subcutaneous fat | 20, subcutaneous fat |            | 20, subcutaneous fat | 20, muscle    | 20, muscle | muscle was lipid-extracted for SI |                           |
| Svalbard         | 1983-84              |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Wang-Andersen et al. 1993 |
| mean             | 8300                 |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |
| range            | 500 – 41,000         |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |
| n, tissue        | 17, fat              |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |
| Svalbard         | 1974                 |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   | Norheim 1978              |
| mean             | 12,600               |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |
| n, tissue        | 44, fat              |                      |            |                      |               |            |                                   |                           |



**Supplementary Fig. S1.** (a) PCB congener patterns in Pribilof foxes. Relative contributions of measured congeners (numbered according to the scheme by Ballschmiter et al. 1992) are shown relative to CB153 (mean of 50 animals, error bars are standard error), compared with (b) one animal with an unusual pattern (D-01-05, an adult female from St. Paul with very good body condition and low probability of access to anthropogenic food resources). All 40 chromatographic peaks, with coeluting congeners, are shown.