

THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD'S COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING NETWORK

JULY 2017

Out of Kugaaruk:

Kugaaruk participants collected a record amount of harvest and observation data in June! Data for ringed seals, harbour seals, Arctic char, lake trout, and one caribou were uploaded to the database.

Kugaarumiut have also started drying meat in the warmer weather.



Out of Clyde River:

Melting snow and poor ice conditions made it hard for hunters to get out on the land in June. Even so, participating harvesters in Clyde River were able to catch ringed seals, geese, and Arctic char last month.

The return of the ducks and geese means egg collecting season has arrived!



Methane Gas Causes Explosions in Siberia

A Siberian reindeer herder saw and heard the tundra explode in June. There was a huge bang the ground shook, and frozen soil and flames shot into the air. Reindeer and dogs ran off. The explosion made a crater 165 metres deep and left burned grass, and charred rocks nearby. The explosion was caused by a build up of methane gas under ground that is becoming softer as permafrost melts. So far, there have been 12 craters formed this way in northern Russia. A similar series of craters, formed about 12,000 years ago during a period of global warming are found under the sea off the coast of Norway. For more information, see the links on the CBMN Facebook Page.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo was taken by Francis Anauittuq (Kugaaruk).
Warmer Spring days make for enjoyable family outings!

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