

## **Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**

**For:** Consultation

**Issue:** Parks Canada is carrying out public and Aboriginal consultations on the proposed *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* (the Regulations) and would greatly appreciate receiving your input with respect to this proposal. Parks Canada is proposing these Regulations to replace the current *National Parks Wildlife Regulations*.

**Background:** The Parks Canada Agency is proposing the *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* (the Regulations) to replace the *National Parks Wildlife Regulations*.

The proposed Regulations would allow certain categories of park users to carry and use firearms for self-protection and the protection of others from bears in northern national parks and national park reserves (national parks).

The proposed Regulations do not apply to Aboriginal peoples while exercising their rights to carry out harvesting and/or harvesting-related activities in the national parks; or to local users in Wapusk National Park who carry out traditional renewable resource harvesting, under the park establishment agreement (*Federal-Provincial Memorandum of Agreement for Wapusk National Park*).

**Consultations specific to Ukkusiksalik, Auyuittuq, Sirmilik and Quttinirpaaq National Parks have been taking place as follows:**

- August 15-29, 2011: Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake, Repulse Bay
- September 12-16, 2011: Pangnirtung and Qikiqtarjuaq
- September 26-29, 2011: Arctic Bay
- October 11-14, 2011: Pond Inlet
- October 3-8, 2011: Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord
- November 2011: Coral Harbour

Deadline for receipt of comments is December 31, 2011. Feedback received during this consultation period will be incorporated into the proposed Regulations as appropriate. Information on how the proposed Regulations were amended following the consultations will be available at [www.parkscanada.gc.ca](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca).

Following the consultations, the revised Regulations will be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I for 90 days to provide an additional opportunity for comments. Should you wish to provide additional comments, please consult the site at [www.canadagazette.gc.ca](http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca).

For more information on the Regulations, please see the "Backgrounder on the Proposed *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* - Summary of Significant Provisions".

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