

**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING No.004 - 2011 HIGHLIGHTS
Iqaluit, December 6-10, 2011**

1. Regular Meeting No. 004-2011 of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) was conducted in Iqaluit on December 7, 2011.
2. Environment Canada made a presentation on the Peary Caribou National Recovery Strategy. This follows the Peary Caribou having been listed as an *Endangered species* under the federal *Species at Risk Act* in February 2011. The Minister is required to develop a National Recovery Strategy for species listed as *Endangered* or *Threatened*. Environment Canada sought NWMB participation and the appointment of a member to the Peary Caribou Advisory Group that will serve to provide input into a final draft Recovery Strategy.
3. Parks Canada presented on the proposed National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations that will determine who will be qualified or who is allowed to carry firearms within National Parks boundaries in Canada. The last time the Regulations were updated was back in 1997. Parks Canada spoke of the 4 National Parks found within Nunavut, and sought the Board's input into the proposed changes to the Regulations.
4. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) presented on three issues to the NWMB, namely: Coral Harbour emerging char fishery application, an allocation model for Baffin Bay Narwhal and also reported to the NWMB on the walrus sport hunt results from the 2011 harvest season.
5. At the request of the Board from the previous Regular Meeting (RM 003-2011), the NWMB wildlife staff provided a presentation that was informational and that provided some scientific insight into the turbot and shrimp that are fished in Nunavut waters.
6. The NWMB heard a request from NTI to set a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of three bowhead whales for the 2012 and 2013 harvest seasons. NTI further requested that the NWMB review the three recommendations included in the 11 March 2009 bowhead TAH decision that the Minister of DFO acknowledged and request written responses from both DFO and NTI on progress made on these recommendations to date.
7. NTI reminded the NWMB of its obligation to section 5.6.25 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the requirement for the NWMB to establish Basic Needs Levels (BNL) for Beluga, Narwhal and Walrus.
8. The Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board requested a quota increase for narwhal.
9. The date and location of the next Regular Meeting will take place March 10-15 in Iqaluit.

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