

**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING No. 2012-002 HIGHLIGHTS
Iqaluit, Nunavut**

1. Regular Meeting No. 2012-002 of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) was conducted in Iqaluit on June 11, 2012.
2. The NWMB welcomed Winston Fillatre to the Board. Mr. Fillatre nominated by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada was appointed by the Privy Council on May 3rd, 2012. He was sworn into office on June 9th 2012, the Board looks forward to working with during his coming four year term.
3. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) made a presentation on a survey that will start on July 26 2012 in Halifax and end on August 22 2012 in Iqaluit. The survey will take place on a small research vessel, the CCGS Hudson. The purpose of the survey is to establish baseline data on benthic (sea floor) vulnerable marine ecosystems and to detect and understand long-term change in arctic marine ecosystems.
4. The NWMB received a request for decision from the Iviq HTO to use credits from the Lancaster Sound polar bear sub-population accumulated from previous years for the current 2011-2012 season. During its in-camera meeting (IC005-2012) the Board heard from the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment prior to making their decision. The decision has been forwarded to the GN Minister for review and approval.
5. The NWMB received a Request for Decision from the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment to modify the regional total allowable harvest (TAH) for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation for the 2012-2013 harvest season. The Board made a decision to hold a Written Hearing that would require the issuance of a public notice that would set out the deadlines for submissions to this written hearing.
6. The NWMB was provided an update on the Community Based Monitoring Network pilot study, which began 12 months of data collection in January 2012. The pilot study is being conducted in the communities of Sanikiluaq, Cambridge Bay and Arviat. The pilot study aims to assess the feasibility of such a project for future years in additional communities. Mid-point meetings will be held in the communities with participating data clerks and harvesters over the next few weeks.
7. The NWMB was provided with an update regarding progress to date on a marine mammal struck and lost workshop approved during the March 2012 quarterly meetings. A conference call was held with co-managers in April 2012. The agenda for will be developed when input regarding the focus of the workshop is received from co-management partners.
7. The NWMB was made aware of the Pew Environment Group's letter seeking a moratorium on fishing in arctic regions previously covered by the polar ice cap until

further scientific research has been conducted. The letter was signed by over 2000 scientists from 67 countries at the International Polar Year conference that took place in Montreal on April 23 2012. Following the signed moratorium, Senator Dennis Patterson issued a statement that spoke to the importance of subsistence harvest and that the NWMB had not yet been consulted.

8. NWMB's Fisheries Management Biologist provided the Board with a presentation regarding a revised NWMB Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fishers being brought to the Board for decision following more than 2 years of development. An overview of the principles, objectives, background information, roles of key players, and summary of the revisions was provided. The primary revisions are: a switch to multi-year allocations, guidelines for the transfer of allocations and allocation reconciliation, new requirements for responsible stewardship and verification reporting, and an updated application and evaluation process. The Board's made a decision regarding approval of the policy during its in-camera meeting (IC005-2012).

9. The next Regular Meeting of the NWMB will occur the week of September 10, 2012 in Iqaluit. The Basic Needs Level Public Hearing will also take place in the same week, on September 11 and 12, 2012. The location of the meeting has yet to be decided, please refer to the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) for updates.

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