



Press Release: Community-based Monitoring Network Quarterly Update

Project Overview:

The Community-based Monitoring Network was first launched in 2012 by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, and is now entering its third year in Kugaaruk and Clyde River. The Project brings together respected Nunavummiut harvesters to share their knowledge and observations about wildlife. Participants are trained to use specialized hand-held computers to record wildlife sightings, harvests, and other environmental observations while out on the land. When harvesters return from the land, trained Data Clerks in each of the participating communities transfer the information into a regional database. In this way, information recorded by the harvesters is combined to create a collective storehouse of knowledge that will be used to improve local, regional, and territorial wildlife management practices in Nunavut.

Project Update

Between September 2016 and September 2017, 14 Kugaarumiut harvesters collected travel route information for 293 trips covering a combined total of 13,000 kilometers. Participants most often uploaded data on harvests of arctic char, caribou, and seals. Participating harvesters in Kugaaruk continue to provide high quality data to the Community-based Monitoring Network each month. A big thank you to Kugaarumiut involved with this work!

Sixteen harvesters from Clyde River collected data for the Community-based Monitoring Network in the past year. Together, they have collected data on 458 harvesting events. Ringed seal, char, and ptarmigan were the species most commonly reported to be harvested. All of the participating Clyde River harvesters are making good use of the option to enter audio data with their harvest and observation records. Thanks to the Clyde River participants for your on-going contributions to this project!

This winter, watch for a call for expressions of interest from Nunavut communities interested in participating in the Community-based Monitoring Network.

To obtain more information or to make obtain a copy of the 2016-2017 Community-based Monitoring Network Annual Report, please visit www.nwmb.com or contact us:

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