

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

NOVEMBER 2017

Out of Kugaaruk:

Data from 32 October trips totaling over 1,000 km has been uploaded. Harvest data over the past two months includes seals, char, white fish, ducks, foxes, caribou, and one polar bear.



One harvester has started entering observation data about wildlife tracks he encounters in the snow. This is a great addition to the database!

Out of Clyde River:

Clyde River data for 22 October trips totalling >600 km had been uploaded to the CBMN database by the end of the month. Data has been entered on char, ducks, rabbits, foxes, ptarmigan, narwhals, and a walrus.

Clyde River hunters are including audio comments with almost every data record. This is a great way to add extra information about your catch!



United States Lawmakers Argue About Allowing Drilling in an Arctic Wildlife Refuge



The United States Congress recently approved a budget measure to allow the pursuit of oil and gas exploration in the almost 20 million-acre National Arctic Wildlife Refuge. People arguing to allow this work say that permitting drilling in ~2,000 acres of the huge refuge would provide the United States with billions of dollars in revenue, and create thousands of jobs. Those arguing against the activity say that no amount of drilling is worth the risk to the ecosystem that is critical habitat for many species of wildlife. Samuel Alexander of the Gwich'in tribe said: *"Money can't buy our wealth, but the reckless pursuit of money can take it away...for that, we will never stop fighting to protect the porcupine caribou herd and our way of life."*

For more information, see CBC News North or the Huffington Post - both from November 2, 2017.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo, taken in August, was submitted by Barney Koana (Kugaaruk). This was the first year he took his son hunting with him.

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For more information about the CBMN or if you are interested in becoming a participant, please contact the Community-based Monitoring Network's Data Clerk in your community:

Kugaaruk: Francis Anaittuq / Clyde River: Levi Palitug

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