



## NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING #35 3-5 JUNE 2003

#### ARVIAT

1. This was the 35th meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, conducted in Arviat, June 3 - 5, 2003.
2. The Board reviewed an update on the process to integrate the NWMB's responsibilities and with the process for reviewing endangered species under the new Species at Risk Act. The process is still under development and further discussions between COSEWIC, the NWMB and CWS will take place in coming months.
3. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans presented the Board with a summary of the offshore fisheries in waters adjacent to Nunavut. The Board also reviewed a number of management measures proposed for inclusion in the new Turbot management plan for these waters.
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4. The Board considered proposals from the draft turbot management plan and from the turbot workshop held in January in Iqaluit, regarding turbot TACs for waters adjacent to Nunavut. The Board's decisions will be forwarded to the Minister.
5. The Board confirmed that they will be considering applications for allocation of the new shrimp quota in SFA 1 and will be asking those interested in requesting allocations to submit their applications very soon. Application forms are available from the NWMB.
6. DFO made a presentation to the Board on the development of a recovery plan for wolffish. Wolffish have been proposed by COSEWIC as a threatened species. The main concern is that wolffish are taken as by-catch in the offshore fisheries. The Board congratulated the Department on its efforts to date and thanked it for keeping the Board informed.
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7. The Board reviewed recommendations developed by the Community Based Management Review Committee for narwhal community based management. The recommendations were based on discussions with the participating communities and various agencies. The Board's decision on the future of this system will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.
8. The Board received copies of the recently-completed DFO Stock Status reports on walrus and Cumberland Sound beluga.
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9. The Board's legal advisor updated the Board on progress towards completing the new Nunavut Wildlife Act. The NWMB continues to

work with its co-management partners to see this innovative piece of legislation completed.

10. The Board reviewed several requests for caribou commercial quotas and will be forwarding its decision to the Minister of Sustainable Development.
11. The Board received an update from NTI on the restructuring of its wildlife division.
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12. The next (36th) meeting of the NWMB will be in Kugluktuk, the week of September 15th, 2003.

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