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RULES FOR THE NWMB'S PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE ALLOCATION POLICY OF THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR COMMERCIAL MARINE FISHERIES

May 25, 2007

THE PURPOSE of this NWMB hearing is to publicly consider the following documents:

- Allocation Policy of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board for Commercial Marine Fisheries (Draft 10, May 23/07);
- Appendix A to the NWMB Allocation Policy: Terms of Reference for the Nunavut Fisheries Advisory Committee (FAC) (Draft 14, May 23/07), including:
 - Annex 1: Evaluation Form Allocation Guidelines; and
 - Annex 2: Application Approval Flow Chart;
- Appendix B to the NWMB Allocation Policy: Governance, Business, Benefits and Stewardship Plan Template (May/07);
- Appendix C to the NWMB Allocation Policy: Annual Report Template (May/07);
- NWMB Policy on Responsible Stewardship in Nunavut's Commercial Marine Fisheries (Mar 26/07);
- NWMB Study of Transparency vs. Confidentiality in Nunavut's Commercial Marine Fisheries (Apr 7/07); and
- 7. Application Form for Commercial Marine Fisheries Allocation (May/07).

The hearing is scheduled to take place on June 12th and 13th 2007, in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

RULES:

- The hearing shall be open to the public, with notice provided to the public approximately 30 days prior to the commencement of the hearing. Part of the hearing may be conducted in camera, where the NWMB considers that confidential or sensitive matters may be disclosed or discussed.
- The NWMB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

- 3. The NWMB shall provide simultaneous English and Inuktitut translation at the hearing, to the extent reasonably possible.
- 4. A quorum of NWMB members shall be present at the hearing.
- The NWMB shall make every effort to ensure that all participants at the hearing are treated with respect.
- 6. Any representative or agent of the Government of Canada or Government of Nunavut, any Hunters and Trappers Organization or Regional Wildlife Organization, any Inuk, any member of Nunavut's fishing industry subject to the NWMB's current Allocation Policy, and any other person or body whom the NWMB considers appropriate, shall be accorded the status of party at the hearing.
- Any other person or body wishing to be named as a party by the NWMB shall make an appropriate request in writing to the NWMB.
- 8. The NWMB shall provide a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations from each party at the hearing by their choice of official, expert or counsel.
- 9. Any member of the NWMB, the NWMB's Director of Wildlife or the NWMB's legal counsel may ask relevant questions of any party at the hearing.
- 10. Each party may ask relevant questions of any other party at the hearing.
- 11. The NWMB shall provide members of the public in attendance at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to make statements and to ask questions of the parties and the NWMB.
- Every person at the hearing wishing to speak or ask a question shall raise his or her hand, and shall only speak once the NWMB Chairperson has recognized him or her.
- 13. The NWMB Chairperson reserves the right to place reasonable time limits on presentations, statements and questions.
- The NWMB shall make an audio recording of the hearing available upon request.