



NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

WRITTEN HEARING

Notice is provided on June 28th 2013 that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) will be conducting a written hearing to consider the Nattivak (Qikiqtarjuaq) Hunters and Trappers Organization's proposal to fish the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation of turbot (Greenland halibut) outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Issue to be considered at the hearing:

The issue under consideration for the written hearing will be whether Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) will be permitted to transfer all or part of the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation of turbot (Greenland halibut) from inside to outside the Nunavut Settlement Area in Division 0A for the purposes of fishing in the summer/fall of 2013.

A Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation is sub-allocated by the NWMB to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, which in turn allocates it to interested Baffin communities on an annual basis. For 2013/2014 it was allocated to Nattivak HTO. As per the NWMB's *Allocation Policy on Commercial Marine Fisheries*, the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation is currently designated for fishing inside the Nunavut Settlement Area boundary and it is not transferable to areas outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The filing of submissions to be considered at the hearing or obtaining more information:

Nattivak HTO's written *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Nattivak HTO Proposal) and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the NWMB:

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The NWMB is inviting interested members of the public to file written response submissions to the Nattivak HTO Proposal by no later than **5:00 p.m. Iqaluit time on July 28th 2013**.

The NWMB will make publicly available all of the written materials that are submitted, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.