

**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING No. 2012-001 HIGHLIGHTS
Iqaluit, Nunavut**

- 1.** Regular Meeting No. 2012-001 of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) was conducted in Iqaluit on March 12-14, 2012.
- 2.** Environment Canada sought NWMB approval on the proposed Species at Risk Act (SARA) Management Plan for the Barrow's Golden Eye (Eastern population) in Canada. The management goal is to maintain or increase the current population of 6800 individuals for the next ten years. The Barrow's Golden Eye does not breed nor winter in Nunavut. The Board made a decision and will be sending its decision to the federal Minister of Environment.
- 3.** Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) noted that there have been several requests for the use of bows and arrows with respect to walrus sport hunts. DFO noted several concerns with this harvesting method. The Board made a decision and will be sending its decision to the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 4.** DFO made a presentation on the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization's (HTO) (Qikiqtarjuaq) request for an exploratory commercial licence to fish arctic char from the Confederation Fiord area. The Board has made a decision and will be sending its decision to the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 5.** Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) made a presentation on the subject of exploratory arctic char licences issued to HTOs. NTI stated that any quantitative limitation on Inuit harvesting arctic char within the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) must be through the establishment of a total allowable harvest (TAH) as per the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).
- 6.** DFO made a presentation that sought approval from the NWMB on the conversion of the Northern Shrimp fishery in Shrimp Fishing Area 2 (east of 63oW) to be changed from an exploratory fishery to commercial status.
- 7.** The Board conducted its review of the current bowhead whale total allowable harvest (TAH) of 3 whales. NTI and DFO both support the current TAH for a continued period of two years. The NWMB has made a decision and will be sending its decision to the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 8.** The Board considered a request for a Nunavut marine mammal struck and loss workshop to be conducted in 2012. The Board decided to postpone a decision on the workshop pending a meeting with co-management partners, development of an agenda and draft budget.
- 9.** The Board reviewed 13 applications for the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust (NWRT) funding and approved 10 projects totalling \$629,350, subject to the fulfillment of funding conditions. The NWMB will be communicating its decisions to successful applicants in the near future.

10. The Board reviewed 8 applications for the Nunavut Wildlife Studies (NWSF) funding and approved 3 projects totalling \$40,000, subject to the fulfillment of funding conditions. The Board will also reconsider 4 applications upon the receipt of revised proposals and budgets. The NWMB will be communicating its decisions to the applicants in the near future.

11. The next Regular Meeting of the NWMB will occur the week of June 11, 2012. The location of the meeting has yet to be decided, please refer to the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) for updates.

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