April 19st, 2016

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| Honourable Johnny Mike  Minister of Environment  Government of Nunavut | Honourable Catherine McKenna  Minister of Environment and Climate Change  Government of Canada |
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Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Location and date change for public hearings of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider Bathurst and Bluenose East Caribou**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has changed the location and dates of the public hearings to consider the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment’s *Proposals for Decision* on regional total allowable harvests for the Bathurst and Bluenose East caribou herds. The hearings will be held June 14th-17th, 2016, in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. Please note that the May 13th, 2016 deadline for written submissions is unchanged.

The NWMB had originally indicated in its April 1st, 2016 invitation letter that the hearings would be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, anticipating that neither Cambridge Bay nor Kugluktuk would have adequate facilities to accommodate the approximately fifty out-of-town participants expected to attend. The NWMB has since confirmed that there is adequate space available in Cambridge Bay and has thus decided to relocate the hearings to Cambridge Bay in order to better accommodate Nunavut participants.

**In-person public hearing details**

The Bathurst caribou hearing will be held June 14th-15th, followed by the Bluenose East caribou hearing June 16th-17th, at the community hall in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. The hearings will be conducted on each day from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In addition, the NWMB may hold evening sessions from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The Board is prepared to pay travel and accommodation costs for attendance by one (1) Qaujimaniliit and one (1) Hunters and Trappers Organization representative (two (2) delegates in total) from each of the affected communities. The affected communities include: Kugluktuk, Bathurst Inlet (Burnside), and Bay Chimo (Umingmaktok). Selection of those delegates will be decided by the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board. If other representatives or Inuit harvesters wish to attend, the NWMB has no further funding available, but will, if requested and to the extent reasonably possible, make arrangements for attendance by teleconference at the hearing.

The Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment’s Proposals and the Rules for the NWMB hearings, along with a number of documents comprising the best available information to date, are available for download from the NWMB’s website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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Written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment’s Proposals must be filed with the NWMB, **in Inuktitut/Innuinaqtun and English, by no later than 5:00 PM EDT on May 13th, 2016**. The requirement for translation at time of filing is mandatory. Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials for these hearings that are not filed on time.

If you require any further information, please visit the NWMB website or contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,

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