



NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is provided on June 8th 2012, that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) will hold a three-day public hearing concerning proposed approval by the NWMB of a draft “*Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area*”, including the establishment of total allowable harvests, basic needs levels and non-quota limitations.

Dates and times of the hearing:

The hearing will be held on **July 24th, 25th and 26th 2012**, each day from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, and from **1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The NWMB may also hold one or more evening sessions from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the hearing:

The hearing is scheduled to take place in Iqaluit, at the Frobisher Inn (Koojesse Room).

Issues to be considered at the hearing:

The overarching issue under consideration at the hearing will be the proposed approval of the draft “*Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area*” (IFMP). However, the IFMP also includes a number of proposed harvesting limitations - total allowable harvests, non-quota limitations and basic needs levels - each of which also requires careful consideration.

A “*total allowable harvest*” (TAH) is the overall amount of a stock or population of wildlife that the NWMB decides can be lawfully harvested in accordance with the terms of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA).

A “*non-quota limitation*” is a limitation of any kind, except a TAH, and may include a limitation on area of harvest and season of harvest.

A “*basic needs level*” (BNL) refers to the level of harvesting by Inuit required to meet their basic needs, as determined through the decision-making process set out in NLCA Article 5. The BNL constitutes the first demand by Inuit on the TAH for a stock or population of wildlife.

If a BNL is less than the TAH for a particular stock or population, the difference between them is referred to as the “*surplus*”, which is allocated in the order and priority set out in NLCA Article 5.

The filing of submissions to be considered at the hearing:

The NWMB has received a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO Proposal) to approve the IFMP and the harvesting limitations contained therein. The DFO Proposal, IFMP and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com).

The NWMB is inviting interested organizations or persons, including any member of the public, to file written submissions and supporting documentation concerning the NWMB's proposed approval of the draft IFMP and relevant harvesting limitations, by no later than **5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time - EDT) on July 4th 2012.**

The NWMB will make publicly available all of the written materials filed with it, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

Attendance and participation at the hearing:

The hearing will be open to the public, although 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 will provide an opportunity for oral presentations from the parties at the hearing, by their choice of official, expert or counsel. The NWMB, as well as the parties, may ask relevant questions of any party at the hearing.

The NWMB will 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.

The NWMB will make its decisions following the hearing, and after having considered all relevant submissions, presentations and statements.

How to obtain more information:

To receive more information about the requirements for filing hearing submissions and supporting documentation, or about obtaining other submissions and their supporting documentation, additional relevant documents, the rules applying to the hearing, the agenda for the hearing, or attendance as a member of the public or as a party at the hearing, please contact the NWMB:

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