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**Re: Supplementary written submissions to consider modifications to total allowable harvests for Eclipse Sound and Admiralty Inlet narwhal management units**

Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) is providing further evidence to DFO's statements that they only found out about the LGL limited survey at their recent spring consultation tour.

Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board is providing the following information that shows DFO was aware of the LGL surveys and had been requested to compare their results:

1. Boarding passes: Executive Director's trip to Pond Inlet
2. Pond Inlet HTO Previous minutes # 08.29.2013
3. Emails by DFO: invitation for conference call on "Progress Report"
4. "Progress Report" presentation on June 10, 2014 conference call

With the provided evidence, QWB demonstrates that the DFO was informed about the LGL Limited survey as far back as 2014. DFO was informed by QWB and asked to review and compare their survey results prior to publishing their 2013 aerial survey results.

### Community Visit:

In August of 2013, QWB staff received a request for assistance with the new HTO manager in Pond Inlet with their operations, Regional Coordinator (Now Executive Director). The Research & Planning Coordinator visited the Mittimatalik HTO for an operational visit (August 26-30, 2013). Files in the office were organized and any missing financial statements for the NIWS accountant to update were packed.



Prior to our departure, QWB staff attended an HTO regular meeting to explain the reason for our visit, updating the HTO of events during our visit, and providing recommendations for improvement based on our findings.

QWB staff attended the entire meeting where QWB staff then learned about the LGL and DFO aerial surveys because two HTO representatives were participating in both the LGL and DFO aerial surveys. Both provided a verbal report of their participation (Previous minutes No. 08.29.2013 - attached).

**Mittimatalik HTO Previous Minutes:**

QWB is providing the previous minutes as evidence of QWB staff visit and report provided by the two HTO representatives of the survey.

**Emails:**

On May 8, 2014, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board received an email invitation to participate in the conference call with co-management partners for June 10, 2014 call. (Attached)

June 9, 2014: QWB and co-management partners received another email for June 10 call which included an attachment of their presentation of “progress report”, how the survey was conducted.

**Conference Call:**

On the June 10, 2014, DFO staff in science sector and management sector presented their 2013 survey progress report on a conference call to Nunavut co-management partners. After their presentation, DFO was informed of the LGL surveys and were asked to compare their results with the LGL results by both QWB and NTI staff.

### Summary:

- DFO had been made aware of the 2013 LGL aerial survey in 2014.
- DFO was requested to compare its 2013 survey to the LGL study.
- DFO was asked to review the information from the LGL study because it showed potential problems with the DFO 2013 aerial survey.
- All of this was requested in order to provide an accurate population estimate for the stock.

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