

History of the Walrus Working Groups

Type of Meeting	Year	Outcomes
Working Group (Foxe Basin)	2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established the Foxe Basin Walrus Working Group Agreement to develop an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan; Sharing of hunter perspectives; Mapping walrus areas based on traditional knowledge; Review of current science information
Working Group (Foxe Basin)	2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Terms of Reference; Discussed important management goals, and objectives; Science update
Working Group (Foxe Basin)	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by industry group on shipping; Science update; survey design
Working Group (Baffin Bay)	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established the Baffin Bay Walrus Working Group; Agreement to develop an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan; Developed Terms of Reference Mapping walrus areas based on traditional knowledge Science review and update on surveys;
Working Group (Foxe Basin and Baffin Bay)	2010 (2 meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritized the Management Goals and Objectives; Reviewed and amended the walrus maps; Science review and update on surveys; Discussed the establishment of harvest levels (TAH and BNL) Discussed the NWMB process to approve the Management Plan
Community Consultations (Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay)	2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement to move forward with the Management Plan as outlined; Reviewed maps; Update from DFO Science on surveys; Reviewed prioritized tables of walrus management objectives and goals; Main concerns identified.

Working Group (Foxe Basin and Baffin Bay)	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Management Plan presented and discussed; • Discussed proposed changes to the management regime for walrus; • Discussed recently published DFO Science; • HTO representatives believe the numbers in the science advice are too low; • Discussed struck and lost rates; • Combined the Foxe Basin and Baffin Bay Working Groups into one Working Group • Next steps: community consultations.
Community Consultations (Hall Beach, Igloolik, Pond Inlet)	2014	<p>Reviewed and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to improve walrus management; • The draft Integrated Fisheries Management Plan; • The proposed walrus Management Units • The proposed changes to walrus management where there is science advice, in particular, the establishment of Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) levels and operational procedures to implement the proposed changes such as harvest reporting and walrus harvest tags; • Seek the views and comments from Inuit harvesters and community members on walrus management; • Relationship-building and continued engagement between DFO and Inuit communities.