

March 27th 2015

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**Chairpersons of all
Nunavut's Hunters and
Trappers Organizations**

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the proposed listing of wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled a written public hearing to consider the proposed listing of wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

A written public hearing is one in which all submissions and supporting documentation are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component. Attached to this letter is a copy of Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service's *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Proposal) on the proposed listing of wolverine as Special Concern under the *Species at Risk Act*, as well as the *Rules for the NWMB's Written Hearing*. These – along with a number of additional documents comprising the best available information to date – are also available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the Board at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0
Phone: (867) 975-7300
Fax: (888) 421-9832
Email: receptionist@nwmb.com

Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service's Proposal, or otherwise regarding the proposed listing of wolverine as Special Concern under the *Species at Risk Act*. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in Inuktitut and English – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on May 1st 2015. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website, and will be available for download.

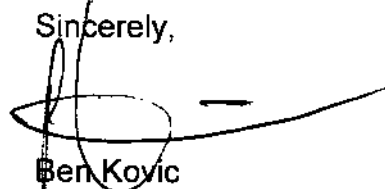
Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Initial submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Written Hearing to consider the proposed listing of wolverine as Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act*. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – prior to the filing deadline – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process. After the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make a decision whether or not to approve the listing of wolverine as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, which will be forwarded to the Government of Canada Minister of Environment.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Kovic', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ben Kovic
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (2)

c.c. Lisa Pirie, A/Head of Eastern Arctic Section, Canadian Wildlife Service;
Donna Bigelow, Species at Risk Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service;
Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Department of Environment;
Malik Awan, Wildlife Biologist, Nunavut Department of Environment;
Paul Inngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Glenn Williams, Senior Wildlife Advisor, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Jason Mikki, North Baffin Liaison Officer, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat;
Jackie Price, South Baffin Liaison Officer, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat;
Ema Qaggutaq, Kitikmeot Liaison Officer, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat; and
Leah Muckpah, Kivalliq Liaison Officer, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat