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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

May 16th, 2016

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board public hearings to consider the establishment of total allowable harvests for the Bathurst and Bluenose-east caribou herds – decision on the timing of the in-person public hearings and extension of the deadline for filing written submissions

On May 9th, 2016 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a written hearing submission from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association requesting that the Board adjourn its two public hearings to consider proposals from the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment to establish total allowable harvests for the Bathurst and Bluenose-east caribou herds, citing concerns about the Department of Environment's consultation process (Appendix 1). Between May 9th and May 13th, the NWMB received written correspondence from Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Organizations confirming their support for adjournment of both public hearings.

On May 13th, 2016, the NWMB carefully reviewed the Kitikmeot Inuit Association's submission, as well as the consultation reports received from the Government of Nunavut - Department of Environment and decided to proceed with holding its two public

hearings on June 14th – 17th, 2016 in Cambridge Bay, as scheduled. In addition, in order to ensure that hearing parties and the public have a full opportunity to provide arguments and evidence regarding the adequacy of the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment's consultations on this matter, the NWMB decided to **extend the deadline for filing written submissions to both public hearings until May 27th, 2016 and invite additional written submissions by the public and hearing parties concerning the adequacy of the Government of Nunavut's consultations on their Proposals for Decision (additional details below).**

The NWMB fully intends to communicate its reasons for deciding to proceed with its public hearings in June to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and other hearing parties as soon as possible in a follow up letter.

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 Bathurst Inlet (Burnside) and Bay Chimo (Umingmaktok), and two (2) Qaujimaniliit and three (3) Hunters and Trappers Organization representative (five (5) delegates in total) from Kugluktuk. 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 for Decision and the rules for the NWMB hearings, along with written hearing submissions and a number of documents comprising the best available information to date, are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com).

Invitation and Instructions to Provide Additional Written Submissions

Through this letter, the NWMB is advising all hearing parties that the deadline for written submissions and supporting documents for the Bathurst and Bluenose-east caribou public hearings has been extended until **May 27th, 2016 at 5:00 PM (Eastern Time)**. After receiving multiple requests from parties and participants to file late submissions, supporting documentation, or translations, the NWMB determined that an extension to the deadline for all parties and participants would ensure a fair and consistent hearing process.

In addition, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide **additional** written submissions and supporting documentation concerning the **adequacy of the consultations conducted by the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment on the establishment of total allowable harvests for the Bathurst and Bluenose-east Caribou herds.**

Written submissions and supporting documentation must be filed with the NWMB, **in Inuktitut or Innuinaqtun and English**, by no later than **5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on May 27th, 2016**. The requirement for translation at time of filing is mandatory. The extension does not apply to requests for hearing party status, which were required by 5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on May 13th, 2016.

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

Please take careful note that for reasons of fairness to all hearing parties and as an administrative necessity, unless persuasive and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed by the extended deadline.

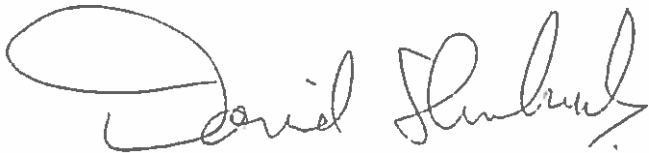
Submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed in person by courier or mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Public Hearing for Bathurst/Bluenose-east Caribou*. Delivery of the materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department 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.

Written submissions, supporting documentation and questions should be directed to the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

- C.C. Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Management, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment;
Paul Emingak, Executive Director, Kitikmeot Inuit Association;
Andrew Maher, Resource Conservation Manager, Parks Canada Agency;
Lynda Yonge, Director of Wildlife, Government of Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
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Ema Qaggutaq, Kitikmeot Regional Coordinator, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; and
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