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concerns about. They expressed their concerns very clearly at the March 2017 meeting, before NWMB called for the in-person public hearing. They disagreed with GN's position that there did not need to be more consultation. Added that QWB did express concern overall on the consultation that was done and the revised management plan.

Jason Mikki (QWB) asked, when NWMB says one delegate per community, does that include Bay Chimo and Bathurst? NWMB's Executive Director responded saying, that would include those communities and that some of those individuals might live in Cambridge Bay often, but they'll work out those details later. Jason Mikki (QWB) stated that NWMB must make a fair hearing process and asked if NWMB could find a way to have more time for communities and RWOs to respond because they are the most impacted. Was wondering if NWMB would consider moving the government organization's submissions to the evenings to allow more time for communities and RWOs.

NWMB's Chairperson stated that communities and regional organizations are the priorities for this meeting.

NWMB's legal advisor stated that a minimum of half the time should go to Inuit groups and it will. He added that there is also time for Inuit groups to ask questions during the government organization's presentations and that it will be a long 4 days, but so be it if we have to have evening sessions. Jason Mikki (QWB) asked if there is any other date or time table that we can consider. It falls on Thanksgiving. If NWMB makes the decision next week it gives 6 months to prepare. NWMB usually wants submissions 4 weeks before, so it's more like 5 months. Everyone is going to be going out on the land soon. Asked if there is a plan B of where the hearings can be held? Has NWMB considered asking the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat to arrange travel?

NWMB's Executive Director said that even if we start on the 9<sup>th</sup>, it still means travelling on Thanksgiving. The challenge is that now that we don't have the Arctic Hotel and part of Discovery is spoken for we need the space to accommodate a large group, there may be additional members from some communities. With Koojesse Room being the best spot, we have to compete with other organizations for the space. We'll hear what folks have to say for consideration, but it's important to be flexible with the times and location.

## Kivalliq Region

Qovik Netser stated concerns with hotel problem in Iqaluit, would they consider Rankin Inlet, it might be more flexible for hotels there. Had some issues arranging travel to Western Hudson Bay meetings, recommend that the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat help take care of airfare and hotel booking.

## Kitikmeot Region

Joe Ashevak, KRWB Chairperson, asked if instead of sending one delegate from each community; could it be one from each HTO and a representative from the RWO. NWMB's Executive Director stated that NWMB would cover one delegate per community and that in the past it has been RWOs that cover their





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Janice Traynor (INAC) stated that she is from the part of INAC that works with conservation and land use issues, the funding side of the department is not her focus. She understands the push from Institutions of Public Government (IPGs) with needing to be more consistent with that approach.

Raymond Mercer (NTI) stated that all his concerns are being raised, and instead of repeating, he'll leave it at that.

Drikus Gissing (GN) disagrees with QWB, that there wasn't a chance for input from communities. Stated that the plan was developed to meet Nunavut needs and as a national plan of the Species at Risk Act (SARA). Added that if the final plan doesn't meet SARA standards, it's not a big concern. Stated that it would be good for the Board to advise us as soon as possible for the dates of the hearing as they need to bring in Chris Hudson, who developed the plan, and he can answer a lot of questions and concerns.

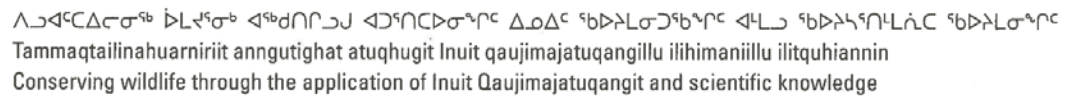
Sam Iverson (ECCC) thinks it's important for it to be a single hearing so all regions can hear other's concerns. It's also important to be able to hear the government presentations and there is ample time to ask questions and give responses. They don't intend to fill all their time allocation with presentations, but to listen as well. Noted that ECCC, in line with their requirements required by SARA, have made some suggestions for the plan some comments have been accommodated by the GN and some have not, so it would be good to have time to talk about it.

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Nothing to add.

NWMB Chairperson said that it's great we've all been able to get together and talk about this, it's really important and thanked all participants for their input. Asked for any last comments by any Regional Wildlife Boards.



Next steps for the NWMB are to determine availability of hotel space and a conference room for the in-person public hearing in Iqaluit and to look into holding the hearing in November.