

Purpose and Rules For the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board And Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Boards' Joint Written Public Hearing To Consider The Total Allowable Catch Levels For Northern And Striped Shrimp For The 2021/2022 Fishing Season

THE PURPOSE of this Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) joint written public hearing is to consider Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal for Decision to the Boards (Proposal) seeking recommendations and decisions on total allowable catch levels (TAC) for Northern and Striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones for the 2021/2022 fishing season. To ensure that submissions include the most relevant information, we encourage parties to focus their written submissions on the issues identified below. The purpose of this hearing is specifically to consider the following:

For the Western Assessment Zone (WAZ)

1. Overall TAC for both northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp in the WAZ
2. Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavut-West (NU-W)
3. Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavik-West (NK-W)
4. Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat Science Advisory Report for Shrimp in the Western Assessment Zone

For the Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ)

1. Overall TAC for both northern and striped shrimp in the EAZ
2. Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavut-East (NU-E) management unit
3. Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavik-East (NK-E) management unit
4. Distribution of northern shrimp TAC within the Davis Strait management units (DS-W, DS-E) and the allocation of the TAC among fleet interests
5. Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat Science Advisory Report for Shrimp in the Eastern Assessment Zone

Management Measures

1. Continuation of the practice whereby both northern and striped shrimp allocations in NU-W and NK-W may be harvested in either management unit, regardless of land claim boundaries
2. Continuation of the practice whereby both northern and striped shrimp allocations in NU-E and NK-E may be harvested in either management unit, regardless of land claim boundaries

The Proposal, along with other documents comprising the best available information to date, is available for review or download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com).

HEARING RULES:

1. The hearing shall be open to the public, any interested person or body may file with the NWMB and NMRWB a written submission and supporting documentation¹ in response to the “Proposal for Decision”.
2. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB or NMRWB for late filing, materials for this hearing that are not filed on time will not consider.
3. The requirement for translation of submissions and supporting documentation filed with the NWMB and NMRWB does not apply to individual members of the public.
4. For all others who file supporting documentation with the NWMB and NMRWB, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length, as long as each supporting document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut) at least two (2) pages in length.
5. The NWMB and NMRWB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
6. Any representative or agent of the Government of Canada or Government of Nunavut, any Hunters and Trappers Organization or Regional Wildlife Organization and any Inuk shall be accorded the status of party for the hearing.
7. Unless invited by the NWMB or NMRWB to be a party, any other person or body wishing to be named as a party shall make an appropriate request in writing to the NWMB or NMRWB.

¹ “*Supporting documentation*” refers to one or more studies, articles, opinions or other documents separate from a person’s or organization’s written submission, filed as additional evidence and/or argument in support of that person’s or organization’s submission.