

# **SUBMISSION TO THE**

# **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **FOR**



### **Information:**

**Decision: X**

**Issue:** New proposals for the Nunavut Wildlife Study Fund (NWSF) for 2014-2015

### **Background:**

Wildlife staff feel that the recently implemented changes to the NWSF policy and application evaluation criteria, approved during Regular Meeting (RM) 002-2013, have helped to align these criteria with the goals of the NWSF.

The NWSF file numbers identify the Hunters and Trappers Organization, Regional Wildlife Organization or community organization associated with the project, the year of original application and project number.

The projects were evaluated using the criteria outlined in the NWSF policy, with the inclusion of changes approved during Regular Meeting (RM) 002-2013, in the same manner as NWRT projects. Projects were scored based on the information submitted by the applicant, and then ranked based on their total score. Proposals were scored based on the following four sections, for a total score out of 100:

- Priorities / 25 (NWMB Priority 7.50 and Regional Priorities 17.50);
- Quality of research / 35;
- Funding and training / 25; and
- Consultation and reporting / 15

NWSF projects are not considered for multi-year funding. NWMB Wildlife staff would like to note that of the 4 proposals received, the highest score was 75.75%. The NWSF Policy indicates that proposals must receive a score of at least 50% to be brought to the Board for consideration; therefore, 3 of 4 proposals<sup>1</sup> are being brought to the Board for consideration. These 3 proposals for the Board to consider this year have requested a combined total of **\$63,698**.

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<sup>1</sup> M'Clintock Channel polar bear aerial biopsy survey (244-14-02 Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization); Bowhead whale genetic mark-recapture in Cumberland Sound (212-14-01 Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization); and Reindeer ground survey 2015 (214-14-01 Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Organization).

The proposal<sup>2</sup> that is not being brought to the Board for consideration failed to meet the minimum criteria due to a substantial lack of detail in outlining the methodology, budget, and consultation and reporting. This proposal also had objectives that did not address NWMB or regional priorities; therefore, they achieved a lower score. The letter to the applicant has addressed these issues, and indicated that NWMB Wildlife staff are willing to assist in the completion of future applications to ensure sufficient detail is presented.

The Board determined in its 2014-2015 budget that **\$100,000** is available for NWSF for this fiscal year.

A summary of the scores and projects are provided in the table below. Project proposals and project reviews are included in **Tabs 25-27**.

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<b>New Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund Proposals for 2013-2014.</b>					
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Tab</b>
244-14-02	M'Clintock Channel polar bear aerial biopsy survey	\$30,000	75.75	1	25
212-14-01	Bowhead whale ( <i>Balaena mysticetus</i> ) genetic mark-recapture in Cumberland Sound, Baffin region	\$21,000	68.50	2	26
214-14-01	Reindeer ground survey 2015	\$12,698	63.45	3	27
<b>Total Funds Requested:</b>		<b>\$63,698</b>			
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>			

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<sup>2</sup> Exploratory fishing exercise around Gjoa Haven (244-14-01 Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization)