

# PROPOSAL REVIEW

**Project Number:** 214-14-01

**Applicant:** Lucassie Arragutainaq

**Title:** Reindeer Ground Survey 2015

**Funding Requested:** \$12,698

**Rank:** 3 / 3

**Total Score** 63.45 /100  
(0 points deducted)

**Scoring Breakdown:** NWMB Priority: 7.50 / 7.50  
Regional Priority: 17.50 / 17.50  
Quality: 26.25 / 35.00  
Consultation: 4.00 / 15  
Funding: 8.20 / 25

**Project Summary:** The goal of this project is to produce an updated abundance estimate for Reindeer on the Belcher Islands. This estimate will inform harvesting decisions made by the Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Organization and address discrepancies between the most recent ground survey and local hunter knowledge.

## Project Contributions:

Requested from NWMB	\$12,698	100%
Other Contributions	\$0	0%
Total	\$12,698	100%

## NWMB Staff Evaluation:

NWMB Priority: #1 - Contributes to the establishment, modification or removal of levels of Total Allowable Harvest (S 5.6.16 to S 5.6.18) for stocks or populations where there is believed to be a conservation concern or that are priority species for harvest by Inuit.

Regional Priority: # 1 Baffin – Increase community involvement in wildlife management

Project design: In March 2015, five hunters will use snowmobiles to cover most of the Belcher Islands in six days. Once a herd is spotted, surveyors will use binoculars to count the animals without disturbing the herd. Location of each herd observation will be marked on a map. Surveyors will record the number of animals, the route the animals traveled, the sex of the animals, and any sick or dead animals observed.

Application of results: A report of the results will be reviewed by the Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Organization board of directors and will be communicated to the community of Sanikiluaq over the radio. Results will inform decisions made by the Hunters and Trappers Organization concerning harvesting rules.

Community involvement / consultation: This application was submitted by the Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Organization; however no evidence of community consultation has been provided. The project will employ five local hunters. Results of this project will be communicated to the community of Sanikiluaq over the radio.

## Recommendations:

NWMB staff have no recommendations.

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