



Applicant	Community	Walrus Stock	Sport Hunts Requested
Jonathan Emiktowt - Touring Southampton	Coral Harbour	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	5
Darcy Nakoolak - Southampton Island Adventures	Coral Harbour	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	10
Aaron Emiktowt - Siku Tours	Coral Harbour	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	7



Leonard Netser - Ancient Arctic Tours	Coral Harbour	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	6
Luke Eetuk - E&E Outfitting	Coral Harbour	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	7
Ryan St. John - Henik Lake Adventures	Arviat	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	4
Hall-Beach Hunter and Trappers	Sanirajak	Foxe Basin (AW-04)	25

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Interim Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications for the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait stock: Jonathan Emiktowt of Touring Southampton in Coral Harbour (five walrus), Darcy Nakoolak Aaron of Southampton Island Adventures in Coral Harbour (10 walrus), Aaron Emiktowt of Siku Tours in Coral Harbour (seven walrus), Leonard Netser of Ancient Arctic Tours (six walrus) and Luke Eetuk of E&E Outfitting (seven walrus) subject to the following conditions:

- RESOLVED that pursuant to the Interim Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications for the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait stock: Ryan St. John of Henik Lake Adventures in Arviat (four walrus), subject to the following conditions:*

1. *That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans in Iqaluit;*
2. *That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada;*
3. *That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;*



4. That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

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Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 26). The individual quota of 4 walrus per Inuk per year (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 6(1)(c)) applies in Arviat and Sanirajak. Over the past five years, the average annual harvest of walrus in these three communities through sport hunts and subsistence hunts has been as follows:

The requested number of walrus sport hunts for Hudson Bay-Davis strait stock is within the community or individual quotas and should not interfere with subsistence harvests. The hunt plans submitted also addressed the Interim Policy's conditions regarding humane



harvesting and hunter and public safety. The most recent Fisheries and Ocean's Canada Foxe-Basin stock update report suggests a sustainable Potential Biological Removal of between 211 and 422 walrus, if a struck and loss rate of 30% is applied. This report indicates that current harvest levels do not appear to be having an impact on the population, as it appears to have remained stable over the last 60 years. The NWMB is confident that the number of walrus sport hunts requested by the outfitter from Sanirajak is consistent with current quantitative limits on walrus harvesting and does not pose a conservation concern for the stock.

The NWMB hereby forwards its decisions to you for your consideration pursuant to the relevant terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Should you accept the decisions of the NWMB with regards to the 2022 walrus sport hunts, the Board anticipates that implementation of the decisions by your department will include appropriate notification to the applicants. Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns with respect to the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

David Shunk

Attachments (1): *Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy*



Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy

In deciding the number of sport hunts to approve for a particular community, it is recommended that the NWMB's policy be to ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that sport hunting in the community develops in such a manner that the following four conditions are met:

- (i) no conservation concern arises;
- (ii) hunter and public safety are maintained;
- (iii) humane harvesting takes place, and the whole animal is used; and
- (iv) the developing industry is healthy and will continue to deliver a quality product, thus serving and promoting the long-term economic, social, and cultural interests of Inuit harvesters (See *Nunavut Agreement* Sub-section 5.1.3(b)(iii))

Accordingly, until the Walrus Working Group offers a more detailed analysis and recommendations, it is recommended that the NWMB apply the following three criteria in deciding upon the number of sport hunts for a community:

1. In a community that is not subject to a quota (beyond the individual limit of four), attempt to ensure that the combination of community and sport hunts does not exceed the average total harvest for the previous five years (condition i);
2. Ensure that a hunt plan is in place that meets the safety, humane, and other requirements necessary under the *Nunavut Agreement*, the *Fisheries Act* and the Regulations (conditions ii and iii); and
3. Ensure that the community or enterprise starts with a relatively small and closely monitored number of hunts (the "pilot" stage), before permitting an expanded sport hunting effort (condition iv).

In addition, the NWMB may wish to consider what percentage of the overall quota or average harvest for the last five years should be allocated to sport hunts

March 7, 2022

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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on January 10, 2022 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2022. Pursuant to section 5.3.18 of the Nunavut Agreement, I provide the following written reply.

This letter is to confirm that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve five (5) walrus sport hunts for Jonathan Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, ten (10) walrus sport hunts for Darcy Nakoolak of Coral Harbour, seven (7) walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Leonard Netser of Coral Harbour, seven (7) walrus sport hunts for Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour, four (4) walrus sport hunts for Henik Lake Adventures of Arviat, and 25 walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association of Sanirajak for the 2022 season, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of January 10, 2022.

It is important to note that timely and accurate harvest reporting is required under the *Fisheries Act*, the *Marine Mammal Regulations*, the Nunavut Agreement, and as condition of the license for the sport hunt. I strongly encourage co-management organizations to emphasize the importance of harvest reporting and monitoring and providing the information to the Department.

Department officials in Iqaluit will notify the successful applicants. Once the Department's Iqaluit office has received all of the required information to complete a licence for the sport hunt, departmental officials will issue the licence.

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I look forward to continued collaboration with the NWMB and its technical staff on walrus co-management issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Murray', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Joyce Murray, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard