

March 2, 2006

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Finalizing the Total Allowable Harvests and Non-quota Limitations in the draft Regulations and Orders made pursuant to the Nunavut *Wildlife Act*

This letter is the promised follow-up to the February 1st 2006 correspondence sent to you by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board). The NWMB has decided to hold its Special Meeting No. 12 on May 8th to 10th 2006, with May 11th 2006 set aside for potential decision-making by the Board pursuant to its authority under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA). Attached to this letter is a copy of the *Ad Hoc* Procedures, related to the meeting, that the NWMB will be following.

Please note that the timelines for filing materials will be strictly followed by the NWMB. Unless persuasive reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials during Special Meeting No. 12 that are not filed on time.

Although both the Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) have issued a number of documents since the spring of 2005 related to the draft Regulations and Orders,¹ none have been officially filed with the NWMB up to this

¹ For the GN, see for instance: the most recent drafts of the proposed Wildlife Regulations and Orders (ranging from April 2005 to September 2005); the *Draft Summary Wildlife Regulations [and Orders]* (October 2005); and the [updated] *Recommendations on Total Allowable (TAH) Rates for Terrestrial Wildlife Populations in Nunavut* (December 31, 2005).

For NTI, see for instance: *TAH draft proposal review for Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI)* (Spring 2005); *NTI's comments on the Draft Wildlife Regulations and Orders* (Mar 24/05); *Nunavut Land Claim Agreement - the Nunavut Wildlife Act - Inuit Rights* (July 21, 2005); and *NTI's remaining comments on the Draft Wildlife Regulations and Orders* (Aug 17/05).

point. Accordingly, when filing materials, please do not assume that any documents previously prepared are deemed to be already filed with the Board.

While the GN, NTI and the RWOs may file whatever materials they consider to be relevant, the NWMB specifically directs that the following documents be filed by the March 27th 2006 filing deadline:


1. By the GN:
 - (a) An up to date list of all the draft Total Allowable Harvests (TAHs) and Non-Quota Limitations (NQLs) being proposed by the GN for approval by the NWMB, including the specific wording for each TAH and NQL;
 - (b) The report/summary of the October-November 2005 regional consultations, led by the GN, concerning the draft Wildlife Regulations and Orders;
 - (c) Full NLCA S.5.3.3 justifications and evidence for all proposed TAHs and NQLs in contention at the regional consultations, at the NWMB's November 15 – 17 2005 informal hearing², or at any subsequent community consultation carried out by the GN; and
 - (d) Full NLCA S.5.3.3 justifications and evidence for all proposed TAHs and NQLs that have been revised since the regional consultations and informal hearing; and
2. By both the GN and NTI: Full responses to the list of comments and questions provided by the NWMB on December 16th 2005 to the GN, and on January 12th 2006 to NTI.

Documents may be filed with the NWMB in person, by mail or by electronic transmission, care of Jim Noble, the Board's Chief Operating Officer. Documents are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

With respect to Article 40 Aboriginal groups, the NWMB and the GN are currently preparing a package of relevant materials, to be delivered by no later than March 6th 2006 to those groups. They will be provided a full opportunity to participate in the process leading to the NWMB's TAH and NQL decisions affecting them, including as participants in Special Meeting No.12.

The NWMB will be in further touch with you regarding the specific agenda for Special Meeting No. 12.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Tigullaraq,
Chairperson of the Nunavut
Wildlife Management Board

c.c. The Chairpersons of Nunavut's Hunters and Trappers Organizations

² The NWMB's Report on the informal hearing will be made publicly available by no later than March 6th 2006.

AD HOC PROCEDURES FOR NWMB SPECIAL MEETING NUMBER 12, MAY 8 TO 10, 2006

March 2, 2006

The purpose of Special Meeting No. 12 of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) is to publicly consider the draft Total Allowable Harvests and Non-Quota Limitations contained in the Government of Nunavut's proposed Wildlife Regulations and Orders, made pursuant to the *Wildlife Act*.

1. The meeting shall be open to the public, with notice provided to the public on or before March 27th 2006. Part of the meeting may be conducted in camera, where the NWMB considers that confidential or sensitive matters may be disclosed or discussed.
2. All written materials relating to the issues to be considered at the meeting - duly translated into Inuktitut or English as the case may be - shall be filed with the NWMB by no later than 5:00 PM, March 27th 2006.
3. Any written materials produced by the NWMB for consideration at the meeting shall also be translated and made publicly available by no later than 5:00 PM, March 27th 2006.
4. Written and translated reviews of, or responses or challenges to, any material filed with or made publicly available by the NWMB as of March 27th 2006 shall be filed with the NWMB by no later than 5:00 PM, April 21st 2006.
5. The requirement for translation of materials filed with the NWMB does not apply to individual members of the public.
6. All materials filed with the NWMB by the Government of Nunavut (GN), Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) or any of the Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs) shall be provided by that body, at the same time, to the other four bodies. The NWMB shall ensure that all materials filed with it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
7. The NWMB shall provide simultaneous English and Inuktitut translation at the meeting, to the extent reasonably possible.
8. A quorum of NWMB members shall be present at the meeting.
9. The NWMB shall make every effort to ensure that all participants at the meeting are treated with respect.

10. The NWMB shall provide a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations from the GN, NTI, the RWOs or any other participant at the meeting by their choice of official, expert or counsel.
11. Any member of the NWMB or the NWMB's legal counsel may ask relevant questions of any participant at the meeting.
12. The GN, NTI or any RWO or other participant may ask relevant questions of any other participant at the meeting.
13. The NWMB shall provide members of the public in attendance at the meeting a reasonable opportunity to make statements and to ask questions of the participants and the NWMB.
14. Every person at the meeting wishing to speak or ask a question shall raise his or her hand, and shall only speak once the NWMB Chairperson has recognized him or her.
15. The NWMB Chairperson reserves the right to place reasonable time limits on presentations, statements and questions.
16. The NWMB shall make an audio recording of the meeting available, and shall make written minutes available in English and Inuktitut.

Note that the NWMB may make decisions - pursuant to its authority under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* - on May 11th 2006, with respect to any or all of the draft Total Allowable Harvests and Non-Quota Limitations considered on May 8th, 9th and 10th 2006.



Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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