



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notice is provided on April 18th, 2012 that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) will be conducting a public hearing to consider proposed shrimp fishery management changes for *Pandalus borealis* and *Pandalus montagui* in Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFA) 2, 3 and 4.

Dates and times of the hearing:

Day 1: June 12th 2012, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Day 2: June 13th 2012, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition, the NWMB may also hold one or more evening sessions during the hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the hearing:

The hearing is scheduled to take place in Iqaluit, Nunavut. The location has yet to be determined at the time of this notice. The location of the public hearing will be posted on the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) as soon as reasonably possible.

Issue to be considered at the hearing:

The NWMB has received a written *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO Proposal). The DFO Proposal and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the NWMB at the coordinates set out at the end of this notice.

The DFO Proposal for NWMB Decision requests the following decisions and recommendations (as applicable under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*) from the NWMB:

1. Proposed SFA and management unit boundary changes;
2. Harvest levels in conjunction with the proposed management unit changes, in particular:

- a. the proposed total allowable catch (TAC) level and exploitation rate for *P. montagui* in the Eastern Assessment Zone (i.e. NU/NK E plus DS W);
- b. the proposed 250 tonne (t) *P. borealis* by-catch quota for management units NU/NK E;
- c. the proposed total allowable catch (TAC) level and exploitation rate for *P. montagui* and *P. borealis* in the Western Assessment Zone (i.e. NU/NK W);
- d. the harvest levels in the Nunavut Settlement Area for *P. montagui* and *P. borealis* in each management unit (i.e. NU/NK E and W);
- e. the management regime (directed vs. by-catch) for the *P. borealis* species in the Western Assessment Zone (i.e. NU/NK W) and
- f. the offshore fleet's proposal to reduce its *P. montagui* quota outside the NSA (DS-W) from 3,300 t to 1,100 t under a potential by-catch regime.

The filing of submissions:

The NWMB is inviting interested members of the public to file written response submissions to the DFO Proposal, or otherwise regarding concerns with the proposed shrimp fishery management changes, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 21st 2012**.

The NWMB will make publicly available all of the written materials filed with it, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

How to obtain more information:

To receive more information about filing or obtaining submissions, the rules applying to the written hearings or the agenda for the hearing, please contact the NWMB:

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