

NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD WRITTEN HEARING

Notice is provided on June 29th 2012 that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) will hold a written hearing concerning the level of total allowable harvest in 2012-2013 for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).

Issue to be considered at the hearing:

The issue under consideration at the written hearing will be the proposed NWMB approval, for the 2012-2013 harvesting season, of a level of total allowable harvest of twenty-four (24) Western Hudson Bay polar bears in the NSA.

A "*total allowable harvest*" (TAH) is the overall amount of a stock or population of wildlife that NWMB decides can be lawfully harvested in accordance with the terms of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

The filing of submissions to be considered at the hearing:

The NWMB has received a written *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment (GN-DOE Proposal) to approve the proposed 2012-2013 level of TAH for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the NSA. The GN-DOE Proposal and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB's website (<u>www.nwmb.com</u>), or by directly contacting the NWMB at the coordinates set out at the end of this notice.

The NWMB is inviting interested organizations or persons, including any member of the public, to file written submissions and supporting documentation concerning the GN-DOE Proposal, or otherwise regarding the 2012-2013 level of TAH for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the NSA, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 31st 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 the requirements for filing hearing submissions and supporting documentation, or about obtaining other hearing submissions and their supporting documentation, additional relevant documents, or the rules applying to the hearing, please contact the NWMB:

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