

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (GN-DOE Proposal) for the NWMB to approve a proposed 2012/2013 level of total allowable harvest of twenty-four (24) bears for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the NSA. Also attached are the *Rules for the NWMB's Written Hearing to consider the 2012-13 level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area* (hearing rules). The GN-DOE Proposal and hearing rules – along with a number of additional documents comprising the best available information compiled to date – are also available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the Board at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
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Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the GN-DOE Proposal, or otherwise regarding the level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation within the NSA. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on July 31st 2012. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website, and will be available for download, within one business day after they are filed with the Board.

Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.


Materials may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Written Hearing to consider the 2012-2013 level of total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area*. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on July 31st 2012 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications are for your submissions, the more weight those submissions will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process. Shortly after the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, will make a decision, and will forward that decision to the GN-DOE Minister.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,



 Peter Kusugak
A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (2)

- c.c. Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;
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Siu-Ling Han, Head of Eastern Arctic, Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service;
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