

Draft Qikiqtaaluk Muskoxen Management Plan

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Outline

- History of initiative
- Purpose of the plan
- Process
- Overview of content
- Discussion and feedback

History of the Management Plan

- Musk ox are an outstanding issue for regulations
- Kivalliq region has a draft created by the co management partners
- Use that existing draft to produce this current draft
- Kitikmeot region is also in development

Purpose of the Plan

- Establish principles and goals for taking care of musk ox;
- Identify the need for a plan and the importance of working together;
- Provide current population estimates and trends;
- Define roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders;
- Define the information required to effectively manage the herds;

Purpose continued

- Describe how to make decisions on managing the herds;
- Provide a framework for determining when management actions should be taken;
- Ensure full involvement of Inuit in the future monitoring and management of muskoxen;
- To provide NWMB with a management plan that is ready for implementation.

The Process

- Consult on the initial draft with communities
- Edit draft to reflect community input and concerns
- Share revised draft with stakeholders for further clarification
- Seek support on final draft
- Submit final draft to NWMB for approval and to form basis for new regulations under the *Wildlife Act*

Overview

- Summary
- The Qikiqtaaluk Musk ox Populations and their Range
- The Necessity for a Musk ox Management Plan

Overview continued

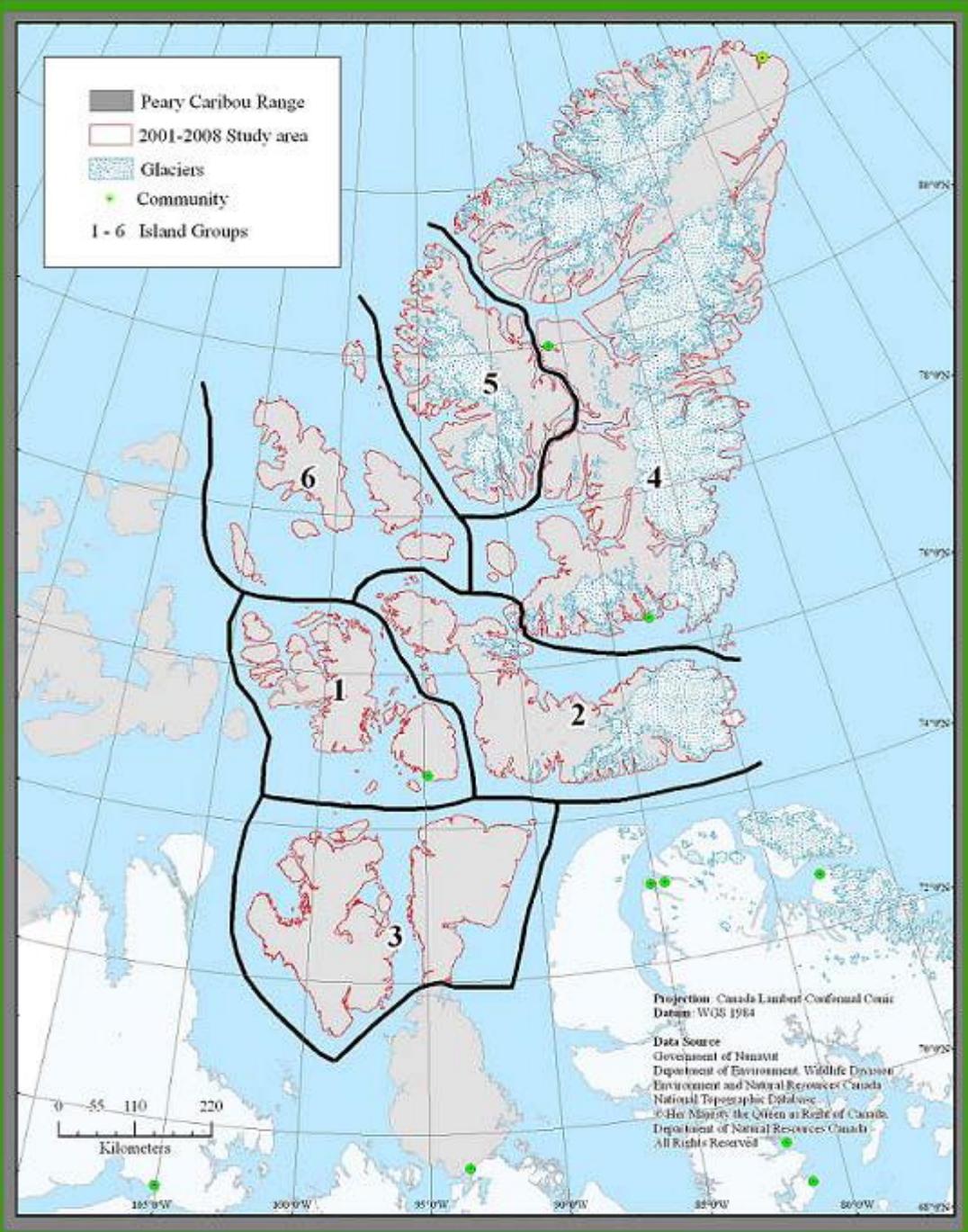
- Role of the Co-Management Partners
- Management of Qikiqtaaluk Musk ox Populations
- Action Plans

Discussion and Feedback

- Run through each section in detail

Organization of survey area into Island Groups;

- 1) Bathurst Island Group
- 2) Devon Island Group
- 3) Prince of Wales/Somerset Island Group
- 4) Ellesmere Island Group
- 5) Axel Heiberg Island Group
- 6) Ringnes Island Group



General Recommendations

- Recommend establishing management units based on six Island groups
- Establish an ongoing community based ground survey program with appropriate support
- Establish a harvest reporting and sample collection program
- Each harvest should be reported through the submission of hunter kill reports

Specific TAH recommendations

- *Bathurst Island group*

Harvest should be reduced to encourage recovery, suggest a 3% harvest rate for a TAH of 3.

- *Devon Island group*

Removal of harvest season and maintain current TAH of 15.

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- *Prince of Wales group*

Population abundant, removal of harvest season and TAH.

- *Ellesmere*

Removal of harvest season and TAH.

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- *Axel Heiburg Group*

Limited or no harvest occurs here and the population is abundant therefore no TAH is required.

- *Ringnes Islands Group*

As no harvesting occurs here no TAH is required.