- The Designated Officer will attach the Marine Mammal Tag to the tusk using a permanent attachment device (*MMR s. 24*).
- The hunter will then bring the tusk (with complete Marine Mammal Tag and permanent attachment device) to HTO office.
- The HTO will remove the return portion from the Marine Mammal Tag and record all the harvest information

Harvest Reporting

The reporting of harvest information is required (*MMR s. 17* and *24*)

- Narwhal without a tusk
  - Marine Mammal Tag return portion is returned to HTO office and all harvest information is recorded by the HTO
- Narwhal with a tusk
  - The hunter will bring tusk (with complete Marine Mammal Tag and permanent attachment device) to HTO office
  - The HTO will remove return portion from Marine Mammal Tag and record all the harvest information
- Reporting of all non-hunt related narwhal harvests is required (NLCA s. 5.7.43), such as narwhal caught in fishing nets or humanely harvested due to ice entrapment.

Exporting

Possession of untagged tusks is illegal (*MMR s. 14*).

A Marine Mammal Transportation Licence is required to transport your narwhal tusk out of Nunavut. The Marine Mammal Transportation Licence is free and available in the community from the local Conservation Officer or a Fishery Officer.

To export narwhal products or parts from Canada you require a CITES Export Permit. This permit can take several weeks to obtain. For more information you can contact the DFO CITES Management Authority at (888) 641-6464.

For a complete list of regulations or to answer any questions, please contact your local Conservation Officer or a Fishery Officer.

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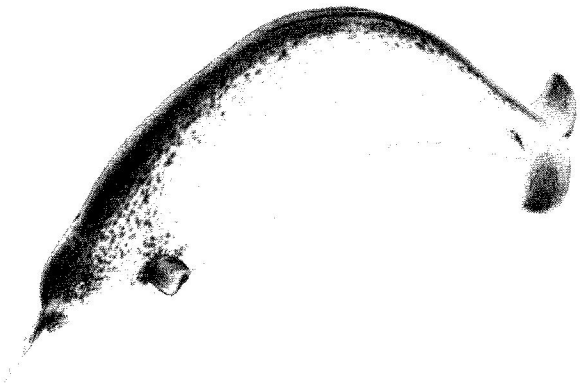

Canada

Ikajutit Hunters' and Trappers' Organization
Revised Rules on Narwhal By-Law on Section 3.3

1. A member is required to notify the HTO when going out narwhal hunting

2. The HTO Board of Directors and the members will establish the maximum number to tags a hunter can hold;

   a. for hunting from the ice with Snowmobile and Qamutik, the member can hold no more then two (2) tags. After harvesting two (2) narwhal, the hunter shall return to the community to receive tags and may go narwhal hunting again.

   b. for hunting during open water a member will hunt according to the size of the boat

      Over 20 ft. boat - three (2) tags
      20 to16 ft boat- two (2) tags
      15 and under- 0ne (1) tag

3. For each narwhal landed the member must complete the harvest information and return it to the HTO Office within seven (7) days following the landing.

4. A member must also keep an accurate record of the number of Narwhal struck and lost and must provide that record to the HTO office within seven (7) days following each hunt, it will remain anonymous.

5. A member must ensure those that are edible parts are not wasted.

6. A member must on hand the equipment necessary to retrieve, handle and flense Narwhal, including;

   a. A harpoon with a sufficient line and float.
   b. A retrieval hook (Kiviyuqniuti) and line.
   c. A rifle of 6.5 (264 cal.) or larger.
   d. No hunt shall be with a rifle scope when the narwhal is close at hand

7. A member must only attempt to harvest Narwhal in a manner that can kill it quickly. A member will not attempt to harvest a Narwhal what is at a distance greater then his ability to retrieve it with equipment at hand.

8. The Board of Directors of the HTO may temporarily reduce or stop Narwhal hunting by member in order to ensure the following;

   a. the safety of the members.
   b. the effective Narwhal management and conservation.

9. The HTO may, pursuant to its by-laws, suspend the membership of, or impose a reasonable penalty on, any member who-in the opinion of the Board of Directors has seriously or repeatedly contravened these hunting rules. A reasonable penalty may include;

   a) one Narwhal Tag made available to the member;
   b) withdrawal of any other tags license otherwise available to the member.

10. Studies and Filming

a. During Studies, their shall be no hunter close to the studies and the local guides shall not hunt during guiding.
b. On floe edge when the members are on the floe edge the film crew are not to be on the floe edge.

11. The Board of Directors will appoint a member to make sure that the by-law is followed correctly.

12. If a member is a non resident of Arctic Bay shall come to the HTO office to be informed how many tags they can be given in order to hunt narwhal and if a member will be residing in Arctic Bay will have to wait six (6) months before considered a resident of Arctic Bay.

13. If the member is not going to put the meat (muktaaq) in the freezer is asked to cache (qingni) the meat where ever the member wants to cache.

14. No member shall hunt a narwhal when the hunter knows it's with a calf (ugiaq)

15. These rules and any subsequent amendments will come into effect only after having been;

a. adopted by majority of the members of the HTO at the General Public Meeting;
b. Broadcast on at least two (2) separate occasions over the local radio station and
c. posted publicly for a minimum of one (1) week.

16. The Board of Directors will appoint a member to the inexperienced hunters on proper Narwhal hunting techniques. The board of Directors will also appoint a member to explain proper method of catching Narwhal to the membership

17. No member shall put her/himself and others in any danger while hunting Narwhal.

18. No firearms shall be used to hunt Narwhal within the community and waters up to cemetery (Qakuqtannguat) and fuel tank farm (Nuvuaqjukuluk) for public safety reasons. However, harpoons with floaters are permitted inside the community waters and shooting a rifle is permitted if facing out the community.

Dated this 18th day of August 2015.

Signature of HTO chairperson (Jobie Attitaq)

Signature of Board of Direct