Rules for the NWMB's Public Hearing to Consider Modifications to Total Allowable Harvests for the Eclipse Sound and Admiralty Inlet Narwhal Management Units

September 30th 2016

THE PURPOSE of this Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) public hearing is to publicly consider modifications to total allowable harvests for the Eclipse Sound and Admiralty Inlet narwhal management units.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has filed a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Proposal), requesting modifications to total allowable harvests for six narwhal management units. Please note that this public hearing will only address the proposed modifications to total allowable harvests for the Admiralty Inlet and Eclipse Sound narwhal management units. The NWMB will consider proposed modifications to total allowable harvests for the Somerset Island, East Baffin Island, Jones Sound and Smith Sound narwhal management units through a separate written public hearing process. The Proposal, along with other documents comprising the best available information to date, is available for review or download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com).

HEARING RULES:

1. The hearing shall be open to the public, with notice provided to the public at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the hearing. Part of the hearing may be conducted in camera, where the NWMB considers that confidential or sensitive matters may be disclosed or discussed.
2. Any interested person or body may file with the NWMB a written submission and supporting documentation[1] in response to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal, or otherwise regarding Eclipse Sound and Admiralty Inlet narwhal – duly translated into Inuktitut or English as the case may be – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time) on November 4th 2016.
3. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.
4. The requirement for translation of submissions and supporting documentation filed with the NWMB does not apply to individual members of the public.
5. For all others who file supporting documentation with the NWMB, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length, as

[1] "*Supporting documentation*" refers to one or more studies, articles, opinions or other documents separate from a person's or organization's written submissions, filed as additional evidence and/or argument in support of that person's or organization's submission.

long as each supporting document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut) at least two (2) pages in length.

6. The NWMB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
7. The NWMB shall provide simultaneous English and Inuktitut translation at the hearing, to the extent reasonably possible.
8. A quorum of NWMB members shall be present at the hearing.
9. Any representative or agent of the Government of Canada or Government of Nunavut, any Hunters and Trappers Organization or Regional Wildlife Organization and any Inuk shall be accorded the status of party at the hearing.
10. Unless invited by the NWMB to be a party, any other person or body wishing to be named as a party by the NWMB shall make an appropriate request in writing to the NWMB.
11. All parties and other participants at the hearing are required to treat one another and the NWMB with respect.
12. The NWMB shall provide a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations from each of the parties at the hearing by their choice of official, expert or counsel.
13. Any member of the NWMB, the NWMB's Directory of Wildlife or the NWMB's Legal Counsel may ask relevant questions of any other party at the hearing.
14. Any party may ask relevant questions of any other party at the hearing.
15. The NWMB shall provide members of the public in attendance at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to make statements and to ask questions of the parties and the NWMB.
16. Every person at the hearing wishing to speak or ask a question shall raise his or her hand, and shall only speak once the NWMB Chairperson has recognized him or her.
17. The NWMB Chairperson reserves the right to place reasonable time limits on presentations, statements and questions.
18. The NWMB shall make an audio recording of the hearing available upon request.