Press Release:
Community-based Monitoring Network
Quarterly Update

Project Overview:

The Community-based Monitoring Network is an initiative of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) that relies upon skilled and accomplished Nunavummiut harvesters to record data on wildlife observations and harvests. Participating harvesters are trained to use rugged hand-held computers with custom-designed software to record wildlife sightings, harvests, and other environmental observations while on the land. When harvesters return from the land, Data Clerks in the community transfer the information into a database of knowledge owned and controlled by Nunavummiut.

The Community-based Monitoring Network was launched in Arviat, Cambridge Bay, and Sanikiluaq in 2011 and ran until the spring of 2015. The project then moved to Clyde River and Kugaaruk in the fall of 2015 and will continue until 2018. Harvesters in these communities are contributing valuable information that may be used to improve wildlife management practices in Nunavut by ensuring that decision making bodies have up-to-date information directly from people who are most active on the land.

Data Access and Use

Participating harvesters can access their own information at any time. Community Data Clerks can access all data collected for their community, which can be used to address local wildlife management issues. The NWMB has been granted licence by participating harvesters to use, publish, and distribute the information for use in wildlife research and management. The NWMB will consider requests for data from comanagers, researchers, and other parties on a case-by-case basis. The privacy of the harvesters is protected as the Board will not make names, identification numbers, or specific travel routes available.

To obtain more information or to make a data request, please visit www.nwmb.com or contact us:

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