

# THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD'S COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING NETWORK JANUARY 2017

## Out of Kugaaruk:

Kugaaruk harvesters met to discuss the Community-based Monitoring Network. Communication was a hot topic, leading to the model for this monthly newsletter and the development of a Facebook group to connect participating communities.



## Out of Clyde River:

Despite the cold temperatures, December was a busy month for Clyde River harvesters. Ringed seal and rocks ptarmigan were the most commonly harvested species, and a few foxes were caught as well. Seals were mainly caught within 25 km of the community. Hunters traveled farther to catch foxes.



## Makivik and the Government of Nunavut Argue about Polar Bear Quotas in Court



Southern Hudson Bay polar bears are harvested by hunters in Sanikiluaq, by Nunavik Inuit, and by Cree hunters in James Bay. In 2011, the parties agreed to sharing a temporary quota of 60 bears: 25 for Sanikiluaq and 35 for other harvesters. In October 2014, this quota was reduced to 45 bears each year for a two year period. Since that time, Nunavik has tried to increase its Total Allowable Take of bears without success. In November 2016, Makivik Corporation filed a court case against Nunavut arguing for a larger share of the bears that can be hunted in South Hudson Bay. To find out more about this story, see Nunatsiaq News for January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo was submitted by Barney Koana (Kugaaruk) who took a lead role in getting the Facebook group started. This picture is of Barney's father with one of the last bears he caught.

Join our Facebook page to post and "like" pictures for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. You can also see what's new with the CBMN, receive updates, and stay in touch with other participating harvesters.



For more information about the CBMN or if you are interested in becoming a participant, please contact the Community-based Monitoring Network's Data Clerk in your community:

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