

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

APRIL 2017

Out of Kugaaruk:

The CBMN Project Team traveled to Kugaaruk this month for a training workshop that included some time on the land with participating harvesters and their MESAs.

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board welcomed Francis Anaittuq, a participating harvester, as Data Clerk in the community.



Out of Clyde River:

Audio recordings from March harvest records from Clyde River say that there have been some cold, sunny days at the flow edge this past month. Seals were caught near icebergs, and on new ice.

In March 2016, there were five harvest records uploaded to the CBMN data base. This year there were 24! Thanks to Clyde harvesters for your continued effort on contributing to this project!

GIANT POLAR BEAR SKULL FOUND ON ALASKAN BEACH

A 16-inch long polar bear skull, determined to be 1300 years old, washed up on the beach in Alaska after a storm in 2014. It is much larger than most modern day polar bear skulls and the back is longer and narrower. Inuit from across the arctic have knowledge of "king bears" or "water bears" that are much larger than typical polar bears. Scientists believe that the skull is from a subspecies of polar bear, and agree that these animals could still be found in the arctic.



For more information visit www.newhistorian.com and search for "king bear".

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo was submitted by Jason Palluq of Clyde River. These seals were caught on the fresh ice on a beautiful day. Congratulations Jason – your gift card is in the mail!

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:

Kugaaruk: Francis Anaittuq / Clyde River: Levi Palituq

