

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

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Out of Kugaaruk:



Kugaaruk harvesters were busy this month! Together they collected over 1700 km of travel data!

Data were uploaded on 12 caribou harvests, some seals and bearded seals, and one polar bear that was shared with the community. Participating harvesters also reported seeing bears swimming north of Kugaaruk.

Out of Clyde River:

Harvesters in Clyde River collected data on 13 harvests in September, including one walrus caught well to the south of the community.



The excitement from the catch can be heard in then hunter's voice in the audio file that goes with the data record. He makes sure to note that he is thankful for the catch.

"Boots on the Ground" Pairs Elders and Young Hunters to Monitor Caribou

Tlichio elders and young hunters worked together for six weeks this summer to monitor caribou near Contwoyto Lake, just north of the Northwest Territory-Nunavut border. They reported seeing over



8,500 animals that looked to be in good health overall. The monitors also recorded lots of calves, which is a good sign for the population. However, they noted an increase in predators – especially wolves – since last year. The caribou migration is being disrupted by mining infrastructure in the area, and the wolves are using it to their advantage. For more information and to see the full report type "*Contwoyto Lake caribou monitoring*" into your search engine.

(Photo from cbc.ca, by Petter Jacobsen)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo was submitted to the CBMN Facebook page by Jamie Kautuq (Clyde River) He says: "The last spring hunt was a success!"

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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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