





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

DECEMBER 2017

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD & NOVASILA WILDLIFE CONSULTING!

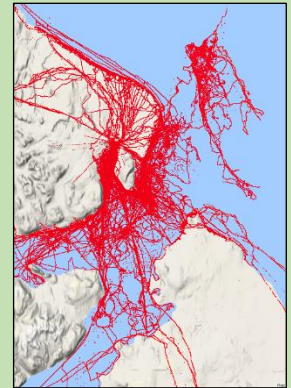


### Out of Kugaaruk:

Kugaarumiut got their snowmobiles out in late October this year, and they are now in full swing. There is enough ice on the river to set nets for char. Hunters are traveling east looking for caribou, and northwest looking for polar bear.

### Out of Clyde River:

Clyde River harvesters will meet in early December to discuss the data collected to date. Harvesters will review travel maps, and talk about how well the database described the community's harvesting patterns.



### ~ ~ ~ Christmas is the Time for Sharing ~ ~ ~

In the first Community-based Monitoring Network communities, harvesters shared data collection units. The Data Clerks held the units at their houses. Harvesters would sign them out for each trip, and return them when they got back to the community. There are trained harvesters in both Kugaaruk and Clyde River that currently do not have access to a MESA or Archer. If you are not using your device very often, please consider bringing it to your Data Clerk to loan out, allowing more people to participate in the program. You can always borrow it back when you need it! If you collect data regularly, hold on to your device and keep up the good work!

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This month's photo was submitted by Brent Nakashook of Cambridge Bay. It was taken in April 2012 when he was participating in the CBMN Pilot Study. Brent and his cousin were out looking for bears, and chased a small young male away from a seal. They dragged the seal carcass to make a 40-mile scent trail – a trick Brent learned from his grandfather.



Twelve hours later, they checked the trail and saw more bear tracks than they could count. Brent's cousin took the grizzly, but they waited to skin it since Brent was limited on the time he had to try and use his polar bear tag. Ten miles further on, they saw this 9.5-foot polar bear. The cousins skinned out their bears side by side shortly after this photo was taken. Brent says *"It was insane, best trip I can say I've been on to this day"*.

Thanks for sharing the story and picture, Brent. Your \$25 Visa gift card is on the way!

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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