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June 12, 2022

To: All Nunavut Regional Wildlife Organizations and Hunters and Trappers

Organizations

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board call for applications from interested communities to participate in the Community-based Monitoring Network

Dear Managers and Chairpersons:

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has been working with respected Nunavummiut harvesters to collect wildlife harvest and observation information as part of the Community-Based Monitoring Network. The project was first run as a Pilot Study in Arviat, Cambridge Bay, and Sanikiluaq between 2012 and 2015. More recently, it launched in Kugaaruk and Clyde River (both in 2015), Baker Lake and Taloyoak (both in 2018), Kugluktuk (2019), and Naujaat (2021).

Participants use an app on their Smart Phones to record wildlife harvests and observations during their regular harvesting activities. Their data is then added to the project database. A locally hired part-time Liaison Officer assists with training, capacity building, and program communications. The Community-Based Monitoring Network helps to ensure that decision-making bodies have up-to-date information directly from those who spend the most time on the land. Participating communities can use their data to address local wildlife management issues, and individual harvesters have full access to their own information.

Participation in the program is voluntary. The NWMB offers guaranteed monthly gas incentives for harvesters that contribute data, and an annual grand prize of a snowmobile,

ATV, or outboard motor, awarded using a draw system. Participating harvesters also qualify for hunting gear and accessories issued as recognition awards.

The NWMB is now working towards identifying two additional Nunavut communities that are interested in participating in the Community-Based Monitoring Network program, starting in Fall 2022. If you believe harvesters in your community would be interested in participating in this successful program, please complete and return the enclosed expression of interest form to the NWMB by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on Friday, July 15.

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Thank you for considering participation in this valuable program. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, or the Community-Based Monitoring Network in general, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Yours truly,

Daniel Shewchuk NWMB Chairperson

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cc: Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

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Expression of Interest to Participate in Community-Based Monitoring Network

Please fill out the following form and return by July 15, 2022

Name and Location of Hunters and Trappers Organization:
Please check one of the following:
We are interested in being considered as one of the communities that participates in the Community-based Monitoring Network Study.
We are NOT interested in being considered as one of the communities that participates in the Community-based Monitoring Network Study.
We think our community should be selected because:
Hunters and Trappers Organization Board Motion # (if applicable):
Meeting date:
Prepared by:
(contact name)
DEADLINE: July 15, 2022

Please submit by email to:

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Community-Based Monitoring Network

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What is the Community-Based Monitoring Network?

The Community-Based Monitoring Network (CBMN) was established by the NWMB in 2012. The program engages Nunavummiut harvesters to share their knowledge and observations about wildlife. Rather than rely on interviews to collect this information, participating harvesters are trained to record their travel routes, wildlife observations, and harvests using an app on their smart phones. By bringing together their knowledge and observations over time, participating harvesters will help answer some important questions about wildlife, which might include the following:

- How are migration routes or seasonal ranges changing?
- What are the most effective harvesting techniques?
- Where are the most important habitats and harvesting areas that should be protected from development?
- Where are sick or injured animals being observed, and how often?
- Are populations increasing? Decreasing? Stable?

2. How are participating communities chosen?

The NWMB consulted with various organizations and co-management partners on the criteria to select communities for the project. Different social and economic circumstances (such as population size and employment rates), reliance on country foods, and communities that have identified concerns about wildlife and/or the environment are factors in determining the final communities. The success of the CBMN comes from the commitment of the participating harvesters, so community enthusiasm and ownership of the project are also important factors considered. Applications are assessed by a Community Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the NWMB, Regional Wildlife Organizations, the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

3. Do harvesters have to be good with technology to participate?

The short answer is no. The app used for CBMN data collection is easy to use and operates in both English and Inuktitut. In-person training will be provided for participating harvesters, and locally hired Community Liaison Officers will be able to provide on-going support where it is needed. We have had lots of harvesters, young and old, that were nervous about the technology who have gone on to contribute lots of valuable data to the CBMN.

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4. How will Nunavut communities benefit from the CBMN?

We hope that communities will see the benefits of becoming partners in the CBMN, including:

- The efforts of participating communities and harvesters will contribute valuable information to improve wildlife management practices in Nunavut.
- Communities will have full access to their own data, which they can use to manage local wildlife issues.
- The project will create local employment and training for a part-time Community Liaison Officer in each participating community.
- Participating harvesters will benefit from the program incentives, including monthly gas allocations for those that contribute data.
- The project improves communication between communities, regions, government, and other wildlife management agencies, while promoting stewardship and cooperative management.

5. Who will have access to the data?

Secure storage of the information contributed by Inuit harvesters is an important component of the CBMN. Currently, there are three levels of access to the data: harvesters can access their own information; Community Liaison Officers can access all data collected for their community; and the NWMB can access all the data. Participating harvesters enter a data sharing agreement with the NWMB. The agreement grants harvesters full ownership of the data they collect but gives the NWMB licence to use, publish, and distribute the information for the purposes of meeting its wildlife research and management objectives. Participating harvesters can choose which other organizations and agencies involved in wildlife research and management may access their data. The privacy of the harvesters is always protected as the NWMB will not make names or specific travel routes available.

6. How will the NWMB keep participants and the public informed of the progress of the CBMN?

The NWMB realizes that clear, timely, and open communication between communities, harvesters, and other wildlife management agencies is key to the success of the program. The NWMB maintains open lines of communication with participating communities and harvesters by sending out monthly newsletters to participants, producing an annual report on the status of the project, and maintaining a Facebook page where participants and interested members of the public can share photos or stories, ask questions, and stay informed about the CBMN, other wildlife monitoring projects, relevant news stories, etc. Members of the CBMN administration team can also be reached by phone, email, or text message.

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