

**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

1. Project # 2-13-03**2. Project Title:** Caribou Health Monitoring Program**3. Project Leader:** Jaylene Goorts

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***Previous Project Leader: Debbie Jenkins (former Regional Biologist – Baffin Region, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut). Initial project proposal was submitted to the NWMB by Debbie Jenkins (January 2013).

4. Original Project Budget:

Item	Funds (2013-14)
Training/Outreach	10,000
Hunter Stipend	5,000
Sample Shipment	2,500
Genetic Analysis	4,000
Travel (with Baffin Island Survey	
Accommodation and Meals (see above)	
Dietary Analysis	14,500
Tooth Aging	3,000
Sample Kits (In kind)	
Laboratory Tech – sample processing (In Kind)	
Total	39,000

5. Original Contributions:

Contributor	Funds (\$K) / In-Kind (PY) 2013-14
NWMB	19.5K
DoE – GN (Vote 1)	15K
DoE – Baffin Regional Bio Core Budget	4.5K
Lab Supplies – for sample kits	5K
Laboratory Tech	10K
Total Funds	39K
Total In-Kind	15K

6. Explanation of Changes

Of particular interest to many hunters who provided feedback on the program was the collection of information about the occurrence of disease and parasites. Providing baseline information on the prevalence of disease was outlined as one of the research objectives for this project, however, no funding was originally budgeted for analysis outside of In-kind. The analysis and testing required to answer questions related to the prevalence of diseases such as brucellosis and others requires the expertise and specialized equipment of outside laboratories. The DOE-GN is currently in the process of contracting the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Center (Alberta Node) for disease testing of blood filter strips, and fecal parasitology. These costs are expected to be incurred under this project.

Additionally, funding for supplies (such as those for sample kits) was not included in the original project budget. At the time of submission of the original proposal, participation in the program was low (although all HTOs on Baffin Island were invited to participate). Original budget projections for supplies for sample kits were based on this participation. However, over the last several months, participation has expanded to include nearly all HTOs on Baffin Island. As a result, additional costs for supplies were incurred.

7. Financial Report

Budget Item	Budgeted	Disbursed	Variance
Training/Outreach	10,000	0	10,000
Hunter Stipend	5,000	0	5,000
Sample Shipment	2,500	709.92	1790.08
Genetic Analysis	4,000	0	4,000
Travel (with Baffin Island Survey)			
Accommodation and Meals (see above)			
Dietary Analysis	14,500	0	14,500
Tooth Aging	3,000	0	3,000
Sample Kits (In kind)		1173.73	-1173.73
Laboratory Tech – sample processing (In Kind)			
*Disease and Parasite Analysis		3320.00**	-3320.00
Total	39,000	5203.65	33,796.35

*See Section 6 for explanation of changes for the addition of 'Disease and Parasite Analysis'.

**This amount is committed but not yet disbursed.

Balance, if any, to be returned to NWMB: Currently Unknown

Balance, if any, to be carried over: N/A

8. Explanation of Variances

Due to limited submission of samples to date, some funding has yet to be disbursed. We expect participation and submission of samples to be greater in the next couple months following additional communication and awareness of the program to hunters, and general increase in harvesting efforts during late winter/spring. We expect additional samples to be submitted and processed before March 31st, 2014. As a result, at this time we are unable to project the balance of funds to be returned to the NWMB.

For explanation of variance for additional costs of 'Sample Kits' and 'Disease and Parasite Analysis', please refer to Section 6.

9. Verification of Information Provided:

I certify that this is an accurate statement of the Board project funds received and disbursed in accordance with the joint contribution agreement.

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Project Leader