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1. Complete copies of each of the most recent draft Regulations and Orders;
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The NWMB urges your organization to participate in the process leading to those NWMB harvest restriction decisions that will affect your aboriginal people or Band in their Article 40 harvesting activities within the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).

You may be particularly interested in reviewing the proposed TAH Orders (for falcons, other birds of prey, polar bears, grizzly bears, muskox, peary caribou and wolverine). If the aboriginal people or Band whom you represent harvests from a population of any of these species within the NSA under the terms of Article 40, and if the NWMB decides to establish a TAH for that population, the Board must allocate a basic needs level for the aboriginal people or Band within the NSA, separate from any basic needs level for Nunavut Inuit (see NLCA Sections 40.2.5, 40.3.3, 40.4.2 and 40.5.2). In such a circumstance, the NWMB would like to work with your organization to review the available evidence of your aboriginal people's or Band's harvesting of that species within the NSA.

If you wish to obtain further information or arrange for a meeting with the GN, or if you wish to provide legal, technical or other comments to the GN on the draft Regulations and Orders in whatever form you feel most effective, your officials should contact:

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The GN welcomes the receipt of any comments not related to harvest restrictions by May 15, 2006. The GN will then review the draft Regulations and Orders, and promptly make any necessary changes.

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Following the NWMB's Special Meeting No. 12, the Board and the Nunavut Minister of Environment will follow the decision-making process set out in Part 3 of NLCA Article 5 with respect to final approval of the TAHs and NQLs in the draft Regulations and Orders. Once that process is completed, the draft Regulations and Orders will be finalized and submitted to the Government of Nunavut for approval by Cabinet, and passage into law. It is anticipated that this will take place in the summer of 2006.

The people of Nunavut share many aspects of our wildlife with neighboring communities along our very large boundary within Canada. We also share many traditional and strong principles with respect to the cultural and social importance that wildlife continues to play in our modern society. The new *Wildlife Act* and its Regulations and Orders are designed to protect and promote all of the rights contained in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, including those of neighboring aboriginal peoples and Bands under Article 40.

We therefore encourage you to take part in this important initiative by making a submission to the GN, the NWMB, or both, to ensure that your rights and interests are fully taken into account.

Sincerely,



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Your comments are welcomed by April 7, 2006. Following the receipt of comments, we will review the regulations and make any necessary changes to the drafts.

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The process for final approval and passage into law of the draft regulations and orders contains two steps, as follows:

- 1) The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) has jurisdiction over most of the proposed harvesting limitations in the draft regulations and orders, and as such the decision making process described by the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the Wildlife Act must be followed for those provisions. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board will be meeting on May 8th to 10th 2006 to publicly consider those proposed harvesting limitations. If you wish to make a submission directly to the NWMB for consideration in its resulting decisions, or if you wish to obtain further information about the NWMB's public consideration and decision-making processes, please contact:

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- 2) Following the decision making process described above, the draft regulations will be finalized and submitted to the Government of Nunavut for approval by Cabinet, and passage into law. It is anticipated that, this will take place in the summer of 2006.

Please also note the following: Section 40.3.3 of Article 40 of the NLCA states that, "...members of an aboriginal people of the Northwest Territories other than Inuit may harvest wildlife within areas of the Nunavut Settlement Area which that aboriginal people has traditionally used and continue to use for that purpose, on a basis equivalent to Inuit under Article 5..." If the aboriginal people that you represent harvest wildlife within the Nunavut Settlement Area pursuant to the terms of NLCA Article 40, you are hereby advised to contact the NWMB's Chief Operating Officer in writing by no later than March 27th 2006. This is important in order to ensure that your Article 40 rights and interests are fully taken into account.

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