

NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is provided on December 19th 2008, that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) will hold a public hearing to consider the level of Total Allowable Harvest for bowhead whales in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Date and time of the hearing:

February 10th 2009, 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The NWMB may also hold an evening session, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the hearing:

The hearing will take place in the City of Iqaluit, at the Navigator Inn.

Issue to be considered at the hearing:

The issue under consideration at the hearing will be a proposed modification or removal of the level of Total Allowable Harvest for bowhead whales in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). The 2008 level of Total Allowable Harvest was two bowhead whales.

A “*Total Allowable Harvest*” is the overall amount of a stock or population of wildlife that the NWMB decides can be lawfully harvested in accordance with the terms of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

The filing of submissions to be considered at the hearing:

The NWMB has received a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), and written submissions from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), regarding the level of Total Allowable Harvest for bowhead whales in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The NTI *Proposal for NWMB Decision* and the DFO written submissions, as well as additional documents relevant to the hearing, are available for download from the NWMB’s website (www.nwmb.com). They can also be obtained by contacting the NWMB at the coordinates set out at the end of this notice.

The NWMB is inviting interested members of the public to file written submissions responding to the NTI *Proposal for NWMB Decision* and/or the DFO written submissions - or otherwise regarding the proposed modification or removal of the Total Allowable Harvest for bowhead whales in the NSA - by no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26th 2009.

The NWMB will make publicly available all of the written materials filed with it, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

Attendance and participation at the hearing:

The hearing will be open to the public, although part of the hearing may be conducted in camera, where the NWMB considers that confidential or sensitive matters may be disclosed or discussed.

The NWMB will provide a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations from the parties at the hearing, by their choice of official, expert or counsel. The NWMB, as well as the parties, may ask relevant questions of any party at the hearing.

The NWMB will provide members of the public in attendance at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to make statements and to ask questions of the parties and the NWMB.

The NWMB will make its decision following the hearing, and after having considered all relevant submissions, presentations and statements.

To obtain more information:

To receive more information about filing submissions, or about obtaining the NTI *Proposal for NWMB Decision*, the DFO written submissions, other submissions, additional relevant documents, the rules applying to the hearing, the agenda for the hearing, or attendance as a member of the public or as a party at the hearing, please contact the NWMB:

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