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succession, allowing representatives from the other two regions to observe, and participate in discussions, at the AGM level. This has proven to be a fruitful experience, and it is creating the necessary opportunities for relationship building amongst RWO executives.

The Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat (NIWS) also plays a key role in encouraging and supporting effective relationships and communication between regions. Based out of Rankin Inlet, NIWS has a workforce that includes RWO staff in Kugaaruk, Arviat, Iqaluit and Hall Beach. NIWS may be a small team, but it is constantly providing effective support, and is always striving to run more efficiently into the future.

Nunavut Tunngavik (NTI) also provides a forum for engagement across regions. NTI's Vice President James Eetoolook chairs the Inuit Wildlife and Environment Working Group, or IWEAC, as part of its "closer to Inuit" program. This working group, with its wildlife and environment focus, includes the Chairs of the RWOs, but also representatives from the 3 Regional Inuit Organizations. NTI staff continues to be available and accessible to QWB, its staff, and to individual HTOs. This work is greatly appreciated.

QWB highlights these experiences to acknowledge the diverse work being done to improve the effectiveness of cross-regional work in wildlife management. QWB believes that these strategies will become stronger as we continue to commit to them, and this will result in more effective dialogue. The goal is to harness the strength of our shared interest and responsibilities around wildlife. With this being said, QWB believes there is opportunity to engaging the diverse communities of the shared population stocks.

This is where QWB sees an opportunity for NWMB. While QWB recognizes the hard work of NWMB staff to engage RWOs and HTOs on the wildlife management process, QWB sees NWMB's Inuit Qaujimagatunqangit program as an important site for future growth. NWMB is uniquely positioned to bring together knowledge holders of the diverse communities of shared population stocks, either by way of future gatherings, workshops, and meetings, and QWB encourages NWMB in developing this resources. Not only is this needed, it is expected at the community level, and it is a legal requirement of the NLCA. All our communities, and organizations, will benefit from the support NWMB is uniquely positioned to provide.







