

1. Have there been more bowhead whales sighted around your community in the last 10, 20 or 30 years?
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20 ᐸᑦᓴᓂᐅᑦᓴᓂ 30 ᐸᑦᓴᓂᐅᑦᓴᓂ?
2. Why do you think that is?
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3. How often are they being seen?
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4. Do you think they're coming in groups?
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5. When you see bowhead whales, do you take the time to count how many there are?
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6. Do you think your area is a migration route?
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7. Do you know if there's a birthing area close to your community?
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8. There are 2 bowhead whales allowed to be hunted in Greenland, 2 in Nunavik
and 3 in Nunavut, with a total of 7. Do you think hunting one more bowhead
whale will still be sustainable? Why or why not?
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9. What are Inuit/hunters seeing now compared to what it was when they were
younger? (on bowhead whales)
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ᐸᑦᓴᓂᐅᑦᓴᓂᐅᑦᓴᓂ? (ᐸᑦᓴᓂ)
10. How can we keep the knowledge of bowhead whales so that our younger
generation will know?
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David Shimout - August 14/13

1. He hasn't seen any close to the community but only around Nuvualuk / Nugsarnag. and from what he's heard, there seems to be more that are seen.
2. Possibly due to them being hunted less.
3. They seem to be seen every year as it's always been.
4. Bowhead whales don't usually come in groups to this area.
5. He doesn't count them.
6. He believes it's always been a migration route because they're usually seen around Nugsarnag / Nuvualuk.
7. He doesn't think it's a birthing area but he's not sure about it.
8. It shouldn't make a difference if one more was hunted. Survey students only count what they see and there are many more Bowhead whales out there that aren't seen, only one would make a difference.

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9. He hasn't noticed anything ~~diff~~ different since he can remember but he doesn't really know much about Bowheads.
10. Keeping proper information from studies would help bring out more information to people and also through elders telling stories about Bowhead Whales and hunting.

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Armand Angortoaluk - August 13/14

1. From what he knows, its been about the same as its always been over the years.
2. Possibly due to shallow waters but he's not too sure why.
3. He's not sure how often they are seen but since he can remember, they've mostly been seen at Muvualuk area.
4. He's never seen them in a large group but usually seen them in 2's or 3's.
5. He doesn't count them.
6. He doesn't know if its a migrating area because they don't go close to the community.
7. He doesn't know if its a birthing area.
8. He thinks it wouldn't have an effect of any kind. - no other comments.
9. He sees no changes on Whales since he can remember.
10. Documenting stories about Bowhead Whales and other animals would be a great way

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~~2~~ Armand Anpo tealuk - Aug 13/14
to teach the younger generations.
Elders talking about their knowledge on
them, either being recorded or written
down then have documentations readily
available to anyone.

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John Etuk - Aug 13/14

1. Yes, more Bowhead Whales are being sighted around the area now.
2. Source of food is rich and Bowhead hunt are coming/occurring every few years apart.
3. They are now being seen everytime someone travels the area.
4. He cannot say if they are coming in groups or not.
5. Yes, counts them when he sees Whales.
6. He's not sure if its a migration area but he does know that certain spots have bowheads all year round.
7. He's not sure if its a birthing area.
8. He believes it should be sustainable because of the number of Whales that have been seen around the area.
9. There hasn't really been any changes from what he knows but they only thing is not having the authority to hunt/kill them when they are seen.

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John Etuk - Aug 13/14

10. Elders talking about Whales and hunting is the main key to having our younger generations carry the knowledge. Other than that, she would love to see it as a priority to have Scientists/experts visit on a yearly basis to each community

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Johnny Nakoolak - Aug 12/14

1. According to him, there's been about the same number of Whales from what he remembers.
2. He's not sure why, but they do tend to show up more when the weather starts to get colder, around August, September.
3. ~~There is~~ On a yearly basis he believes, and has not changed much.
4. He's never really seen them in groups until that year they went to ~~Kavata~~ Nuvaluk for the Bowhead hunt where he saw 7 of them.
5. He doesn't count, only that time during the hunt.
6. He believes it's a migration route since they are usually seen every year.
7. He's never heard about it being a birthing area.
8. He believes it would help a lot of people and other communities if another one

② Johnny Nak

would be caught. The only thing that would make it wrong is if it was ~~also~~ killed and put to waste. Other than that, he believes it would benefit much.

9. He hasn't noticed much change so really can't say much about it.

10. If elders would tell more stories about Bowhead's and if hunters would do the same after having been hunting for them. Talk to other people and to younger groups about what they know on Bowhead hunting.

Comment: When they caught the Bowhead at Nuvualuk, they had to ~~also~~ leave some of the whale due to bad weather and this being said, he ~~believes~~^{thinks} that Nuvualuk isn't a good area to do Bowhead hunting but believes Kuuk would be the best place for it. From experience and knowledge from the past, he knows that Nuvualuk shouldn't be looked into in this type of hunt.

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Lowell Bruce - August 12/14

1. He believes that there has been whales seen close to the community within the years.
2. There seems to be more of them so therefore, more are showing up.
3. They are now being seen pretty much every year.
4. They aren't seen in groups a lot of times but sometimes, they're seen in groups.
5. He has never counted or have heard about them being counted.
6. From what he knows Seahorse Point is the migration route and usually around the end of August through September.
7. He doesn't know if it's a birthing area or not.
8. He said it would still be sustainable but did not say why/why not.

② Lami Bruce.

9. Inuit/hunters, compared to when they were younger, are now seeing that there are more bowhead whales.

10. He has thought about this and often thinks that there should be a group or program brought out consisting of ~~elders~~ ~~for~~ from different areas/regions to talk about and gather more information from them about Bowhead Whales.

Also thinks that it would be a great idea to bring in an elder from Alaska ~~and~~ during a Bowhead Whale hunt, for them to teach more about the hunting and about the parts of the whale. Since they hunt whales all the time, he believes they have a lot of knowledge about them and would be a great asset for hunters/Inuit. He has seen and heard about Alaskans having good knowledge on Bowhead Whales.