



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notice is provided on April 1st 2011, that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) will be conducting a public hearing to consider proposed modifications to the current level of Total Allowable Harvest for the Davis Strait Polar Bear Subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Dates and times of the hearing:

Day 1: May 16th 2011, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Day 2: May 17th 2011, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition the NWMB may also hold one or more evening sessions during the hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the hearing:

The hearing is scheduled to take place in Iqaluit, Nunavut. The location has yet to be determined at the time of this notice.

Issue to be considered at the hearing:

The issue under consideration at the hearing will be the level of Total Allowable Harvest for the Davis Strait Polar Bear Subpopulation in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

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 written *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from the Government of Nunavut's Department of the Environment (GN-DoE Proposal). The GN-DoE Proposal and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or 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 response submissions to the GN-DoE Proposal, or otherwise regarding conservation concerns with the current level of Total Allowable Harvest for the Davis Strait Polar Bear Subpopulation, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 2nd 2011**.

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 public hearing, and after having considered all relevant submissions, presentations and statements.

How to obtain more information:

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

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