



## **NOTICE OF NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD SPECIES AT RISK ACT PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice is provided** on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) will be conducting a public hearing to consider the proposed legal listing of the Cumberland Sound beluga population as a “threatened” species under the federal Species at Risk (SARA).

### **Dates and times of the hearing:**

The hearing will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The NWMB may also hold one or more evening sessions from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **Location of the hearing:**

The hearing is scheduled to take place in Pangnirtung, 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 for the public hearing will be the proposed legal listing of the Cumberland Sound beluga population as a “threatened” species under the federal SARA.

A “threatened” species is means a wildlife species that is likely to become an endangered species if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction (disappearance).

### **The filing of submissions to be considered at the hearing:**

The NWMB has received a written *Proposal for NWMB Decision* from the Government of Canada’s Department of the Environment (EC Proposal). The EC Proposal and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB’s website ([www.nwmb.com](http://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 EC Proposal, or otherwise regarding concerns with the proposed listing, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**.

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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