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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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administrative perspective - facilitating as it does the Board's efforts at running a timely and efficient hearing - the primary value of meeting filing deadlines is to ensure fairness to all parties.

In order to meet the highest standards of procedural and substantive fairness in its hearings, the NWMB is of the view that other parties require an opportunity to consider whether the late filing of best available information is unfair to them, to be able to raise any objections and – if there are objections – to set out recommended measures to fairly address any resulting prejudice to them.

In an effort to maintain efficiency, timeliness and – most importantly - fairness, the NWMB has decided to proceed as follows:

- Accompanying this letter is a translated copy of the "*Socio-Economic Analysis for Cumberland Sound Beluga*" (report). The Board is hereby extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the report. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut – by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- However, if any party has an objection to the three week timeline established by the NWMB for delivery of a translated response submission and supporting documentation, the Board is providing until no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 to deliver – in English and Inuktitut - the written objection, supporting reasons and recommended measures to fairly address the resulting prejudice to that party.
- Once the deadline for delivery of objections has passed - and if any objection has been filed - the NWMB will decide how to fairly proceed, and will promptly notify all of the hearing parties of its decision. If no objections are filed, the June 9<sup>th</sup> deadline for receipt of response submissions remains, as do the dates for the oral hearing (June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider written objections or response submissions for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Written objections or response submissions may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB Hearing on the proposed SARA listing of Cumberland Sound beluga. Delivery may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if you or your organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on the date the objection or response submission is due – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB. The Board recommends that a copy of any document filed with the NWMB be delivered, at the same time, to all of the other parties.



If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Yours sincerely,

Willie Nakoolak,  
Acting Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (2)



- c.c. Richard Connelly, Executive Director of the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, for distribution to the Chairpersons of Nunavut's Hunters and Trappers Organizations and Regional Wildlife Organizations;  
Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;  
Virginia Potter, Director General, Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service;  
Eric Kan, Area Director - Eastern Arctic Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans