



January 30, 2012

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Narwhal Co-Management Community Consultation Meetings – March 2012

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is organizing consultations with narwhal hunting communities in Nunavut in March 2012, to exchange information and seek public comment on narwhal co-management issues, including a draft Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (Management Plan) for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area. Representatives from the Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs), the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), and the Government of Nunavut (GN) have also been invited to participate.

In March 2011, DFO invited representatives from the Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) in all of the narwhal hunting communities and RWOs to attend one of six central consultation meetings to discuss our collective understanding of narwhal populations (using both Inuit and scientific information) and the process related to DFO's responsibilities under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) with respect to issuing export permits for narwhal tusks and products. These meetings occurred in late May 2011, in the communities of Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay, Igloodik, and Qikiqtarjuaq. HTO delegates from Pangnirtung and Hall Beach attended the meetings in Qikiqtarjuaq and Igloodik respectively.

During subsequent meetings, representatives of NTI, NWMB, GN and DFO agreed that in order to demonstrate that sustainable narwhal harvest levels and effective management practices are in place, both domestically and internationally, an approved narwhal Management Plan needs to be in place prior to January 2013 in preparation for the next meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention in the March 2013. The Management Plan, developed jointly with Inuit, will summarize the main objectives for sustainable narwhal co-management in the Nunavut Settlement Area, and the measures that will be used to achieve these objectives. The Management Plan will also set out the role of each of the co-management partners in ensuring that narwhal harvest levels are sustainable, and that products destined for export comply with both domestic and international trade requirements.

In August 2011, representatives of NTI, NWMB, GN, the RWOs and DFO met to discuss narwhal management issues and identified milestones for finalizing the Management Plan by January 2013. Partners agreed that to achieve this deadline, a Management Plan would be drafted over the coming months. The Management Plan would also include recommendations from co-management working groups tasked with addressing specific narwhal management issues. This draft Management Plan was discussed in December 2011 with co-management partners, and will form the basis of upcoming community consultation meetings in March 2012.

The community consultations planned for March 2012 will include the 23 communities that harvest narwhal. DFO will conduct nine central meetings, one in each of the primary harvesting communities with invited representation from the relevant RWOs and HTOs in adjacent communities (Table 1A and 1B). The consultation plan reflects NTI's recommendations and has been supported by the NWMB, Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB), Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB), and Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB).

Two simultaneous consultation tours will occur in the later part of March 2012. Meetings would occur over two days in each community; meeting with the HTO and RWO delegates on Day 1 in the afternoon (1-4 pm) and then holding public consultations on Day 2 (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) as outlined in Table 2A and 2B. If our schedule is affected by bad weather, we may have to change our meeting dates by a couple of days. We hope you understand this and can accommodate our schedule.

Consultation fees, per diem, airfare and accommodation costs will be provided for the RWO representatives and for two HTO representatives from each of the adjacent invited communities, as outlined in Table 1A and 1B. HTOs are welcome to send additional representatives but will be responsible for these additional costs. HTO members unable to attend are welcome and encouraged to provide their input and views to their representatives who are attending the meeting.

All written material that will be presented during the community tour will be provided by March 05, 2012 in English and Inuktitut. Participating HTOs, RWOs, Elders and other local residents are encouraged to provide local and traditional information for consideration, as well as feedback and suggestions on the content of the Management Plan, and how co-managers should move forward with implementation. The information gathered during these consultations will be also be incorporated into information DFO will provide to the NWMB for consideration in establishing narwhal Total Allowable Harvest levels and additional non-quota limitations as necessary.

To firm up our community consultation plans, please confirm **by February 17th, 2012** if representatives from your HTO will or will not be able to join us for these discussions. Please send your reply, along with the names of the participating representatives, to Robert Weaver (Fisheries Management, Iqaluit) via phone (867-979-8017 or 204-984-8094), email (Robert.Weaver@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or fax (867-979-8039).

If you have any questions about the planned consultations, please contact Robert Weaver via phone or email as listed above.

My colleagues and I are looking forward to working together with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



For Eric Kan
Director, Eastern Arctic Area
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Distribution:

- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board: M. Akavak (Chairperson), A. Schneidmiller (Director of Wildlife Management)
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated: G. Nirlungayuk (Director of Wildlife and Environment)
- Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment: S. Arnold (Fisheries Sector Specialist)
- Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat: R. Connelly (Director), J. Mikki (QWB Liason) and L. Tatty (KWB Liason), and E. Qaggutaaq (KRWB Liason)
- Kivalliq Wildlife Board (RWO): R. Tatty, Chairperson
- Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (RWO): A. Hadari, Chairperson
- Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (RWO): J. Qillaaq, Chairperson
- HTO Chairpersons (Kivalliq Region): Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet, Repulse Bay, Whale Cove
- HTO Chairpersons (Kitikmeot Region): Kugaaruk, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Cambridge Bay
- HTO Chairpersons (Qikiqtaaluk Region): Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloodik, Pond Inlet, Resolute, Cape Dorset, Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq
- DFO Central and Arctic Region: D. Burden (A/Regional Director General), B. Hunt (Regional Director, Fisheries Management), K. Fisher (Division Manager, Resource Management and Aboriginal Affairs), M. Wheatley (Regional Director, Science), and R. Young (Division Manager, Arctic Aquatic Research Division).

Table 1A: Consultations with communities harvesting from the East Baffin, Eclipse Sound, and Admiralty Inlet management units, identifying host communities, dates, and involvement of co-management partners.

Meeting Dates ¹	Consultation tour host communities/HTOs ²	Community delegates to be flown in (2 per community)	RWO delegates to be flown in (1 per RWO) ³	GN ⁵	NWMB ⁵	NTI ⁵
Mar.						
19 & 20	Pangnirtung HTO		QWB	√	√	√
21 & 22	Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) HTO		QWB	√	√	√
23 & 24	Clyde River (Nangmautaq) HTO		QWB	√	√	√
25	Rest Day					
26 & 27	Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) HTO		QWB	√	√	√
28 & 29	Arctic Bay (Ikajutit) HTO		QWB	√	√	√
30	Rest Day					
31	Regional Meeting (EB/EC/AI fall migratory stock) in Iqaluit ⁴	Iqaluit (Amaruq) HTO	QWB	√	√	√
		Pangnirtung HTO	QWB			
		Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) HTO	QWB			
		Clyde River (Nangmautaq) HTO	QWB			
		Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) HTO	QWB			
		Arctic Bay (Ikajutit) HTO	QWB			

¹ Dates are subject to weather

² Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs)

³ Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs): Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB), Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB), Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB).

⁴ Regional Meeting with communities harvesting from East Baffin/ Eclipse Sound/ Admiralty Inlet (EB/EC/AI) fall migratory stock (i.e. Iqaluit Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay)

⁵ Government of Nunavut (GN), Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI)

Table 1B: Consultations with communities harvesting from Somerset Island, Northern Hudson Bay, and Parry Channel/Jones Sound/Smith Sound management units, identifying host communities, dates, and involvement of co-management partners.

Meeting Dates ¹	Consultation tour host communities/ HTOs ²	Community delegates to be flown in (2 per community)	RWO delegates to be flown in (1 per RWO) ³	GN ⁵	NWMB ⁵	NTI ⁵
Mar. 19 & 20	Kugaaruk HTO	Hall Beach HTO	QWB	√	√	√
		Iglolik HTO	QWB			
		Resolute HTO	QWB			
		Taloyoak HTO	KRWB			
		Gjoa Haven HTO	KRWB			
		Cambridge Bay (Ekaluktutiak) HTO	KRWB			
Mar. 21 & 22	Repulse Bay (Arviq) HTO	Rankin Inlet (Aqiggiag) HTO	KWB	√	√	√
		Coral Harbour (Aivitt) HTO	KWB			
		Chesterfield Inlet (Aqigiq) HTO	KWB			
		Baker Lake (Qamanittuaq) HTO	KWB			
		Whale Cove (Issatik) HTO	KWB			
		Arviat HTO	KWB			
		Cape Dorset (Aiviq) HTO	QWB			
		Kimmirut (Mayukalik) HTO	QWB			
		Hall Beach HTO	QWB			
Mar. 23 & 24	Grise Fiord (Iviq) HTO	Iglolik HTO	QWB			
			QWB	√	√	√

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Table 2A: Consultations with communities harvesting from the East Baffin, Eclipse Sound, and Admiralty Inlet management units, identifying travel times and meeting schedules.*

Day	Date	Travel	Details of consultations
1	Mar.19	Iqaluit to Pangnirtung (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Pangnirtung
2	Mar. 20		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Pangnirtung
3	Mar. 21	Pangnirtung to Qikiqtarjuaq (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Qikiqtarjuaq
4	Mar. 22		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Qikiqtarjuaq
5	Mar. 23	Qikiqtarjuaq to Clyde River (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Clyde River
6	Mar. 24		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Clyde River
7	Mar. 25	Rest Day (travel from Clyde River to Pond Inlet in early am)	
8	Mar. 26	Pond Inlet (arrive day before)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Pond Inlet
9	Mar. 27		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Pond Inlet
10	Mar. 28	Pond Inlet to Arctic Bay (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Arctic Bay
11	Mar. 29		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Arctic Bay
12	Mar. 30	Rest Day (travel from Arctic Bay to Iqaluit in early am)	
13	Mar. 31	Iqaluit (arrive day before)	Regional meeting with HTO, RWO and other delegated representatives from communities harvesting from East Baffin/ Eclipse Sound/ Admiralty Inlet fall migratory stock (i.e. Iqaluit Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay) in Iqaluit

* Note all travel is subject to weather.

Table 2B: Consultations with communities harvesting from the Somerset Island, Northern Hudson Bay, and Parry Channel/Jones Sound/Smith Sound management units, identifying travel times and meeting schedules.*

Day	Date	Travel	Details of consultations
1	Mar.19	Iqaluit to Kugaaruk (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Kugaaruk
2	Mar.20		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Kugaaruk
3	Mar.21	Kugaaruk to Repulse Bay (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Repulse Bay
4	Mar.22		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Repulse Bay
5	Mar.23	Repulse Bay to Grise Fiord (transfer to smaller plane required – arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Grise Fiord
6	Mar.24		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Grise Fiord

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