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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

February 6th 2014

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Government of Canada

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Government of Nunavut

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Trappers Organization

David Inngaut
Chairperson
Igloolik Hunters and
Trappers Organization

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Rescheduled Nunavut Wildlife Management Board public hearing to consider the establishment of a management unit and total allowable harvest for Foxe Basin walrus

During the week of January 5th 2015, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) provided notice to hearing parties and the public that its public hearing to consider the establishment of a management unit and total allowable harvest for Foxe Basin walrus, scheduled for January 14th and 15th 2015, had been postponed until further notice. The Board had been notified of concerns regarding the consultation process and decided to postpone the hearing to ensure that the public and the hearing parties have a full opportunity to provide arguments and evidence regarding the adequacy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's consultations on this matter.

In-person public hearing details

The hearing will now take place on **April 15th and 16th 2015, at the community hall in Igloolik, Nunavut.** The hearing will be conducted each day from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm.** In addition the NWMB may also hold evening sessions from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The Board is prepared to pay travel and accommodation costs for attendance by up to two (2) Qaujimaniliit from Hall Beach and two (2) representatives from Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization (four (4) delegates in total). Selection of those delegates will be decided by the Hunters and Trappers Organization. If other representatives of Inuit harvesters wish to attend, the NWMB has no further funding available, but will – if requested, and to the extent reasonably possible – make arrangements for electronic attendance at the hearing.

Invitation and instructions to provide additional written submissions

Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide additional written submissions and supporting documentation **concerning only the adequacy of the consultations conducted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada on the establishment of a management unit and total allowable harvest for Foxe Basin walrus**. Written submissions and supporting documentation must be filed with the NWMB in **Inuktitut and English** by no later than **5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on March 13th 2015**.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions will be placed on the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), and will be available for download, shortly after the submission deadline.

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

Submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Public Hearing for Foxe Basin Walrus*. Delivery of the materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – prior to the filing deadline – 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 NWMB can be contacted at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB's website or to contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Kovic', written over a horizontal line.

Ben Kovic
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

- c.c. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Paul Irgaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Devin Imrie, A/Director of Fisheries and Sealing, Government of Nunavut
Department of Environment;
Allison McPhee, Regional Senior Officer, Fisheries Management, Fisheries and
Oceans Canada and Co-Chair of the Foxe Basin Walrus Working Group;
Chris Lewis, Fisheries Management Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Joshua Kango, Co-Chair of the Foxe Basin Walrus Working Group;
Jason Mikki, Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board; and
Maha Ghazal, Marine Mammal Advisor, Government of Nunavut Department of
Environment.