Postponement of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Public Hearing on the Establishment of Management Unit and Regional Total Allowable Harvest for Foxe Basin Walrus

(*January 9, 2015 – Iqaluit, Nunavut*) The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) wishes to inform the public that the public hearing to consider the establishment of a management unit and regional total allowable harvest for Foxe Basin walrus, scheduled for January 14th and 15th in Igloolik, has been postponed until further notice, likely spring 2015.

Recently, the Board has been notified of concerns regarding the adequacy of the consultation process in this matter. Consultation is an important issue in the development and consideration of harvesting limitations proposed under the terms of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

To ensure that the public and the hearing parties have a full opportunity to provide arguments and evidence regarding the adequacy of the consultation process concerning Foxe Basin walrus, the NWMB has decided to temporarily postpone the hearing to allow time for the filing of written submissions with respect to the consultation issue. The NWMB will soon circulate a formal invitation to the public and the hearing parties for the filing of the additional submissions.

The NWMB will give careful consideration to all of the evidence received and perspectives presented when the hearing commences.

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