

Integrated Fishery Management Plan for Walrus in the Nunavut Settlement Area

Area



What do the proposed changes mean for hunters?

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Outline

The purpose of this session is to discuss:

- Development of the Walrus Management Plan
- Management measures:
 - Existing
 - New
- What do the proposed changes mean for hunters?

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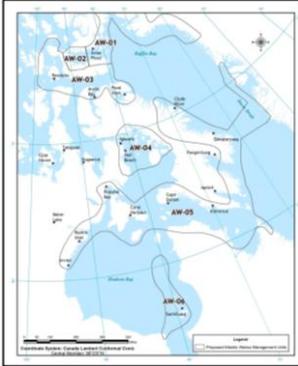
Why do we need changes to walrus management?

- Increased national and international interest in how the walrus fishery in Nunavut is managed.
- Demonstrate sustainable harvesting.
- Strengthen walrus co-management consistent with NLCA wildlife harvesting and management provisions
- Incorporate best available scientific and Inuit knowledge.

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Proposed Boundaries for Walrus Management Units



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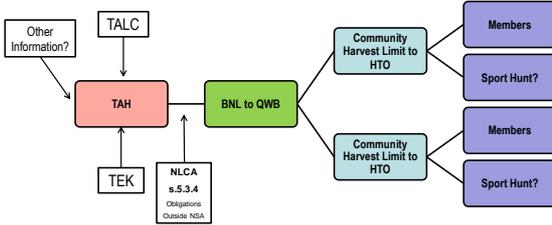


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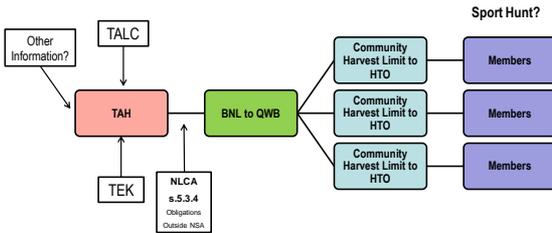
Proposed Harvest Levels and Allocation System

Walrus Harvest Allocation – Management Unit



SUM Community Harvest Limits = Basic Needs Level

Walrus Harvest Allocation – Management Unit



SUM Community Harvest Limits = AW-03 Basic Needs Level

Walrus Harvest Tags

- Walrus Working Group discussed options for ensuring effective management/allocation of new harvest levels.
- A type of harvest tag was suggested.
- A Walrus Harvest Tag would be similar to that currently used for other species.
- A Walrus Harvest Tag would not be a licence to hunt and would be issued without fee or administrative charge.

Walrus Harvest Tags

- Walrus Harvest Tags would be provided to the RWO for each Management Unit.
- The RWO would allocate the Walrus Harvest Tags to the HTOs.
- The HTOs would allocate the Walrus Harvest Tags to their members.

Walrus Harvest Tags

- Walrus hunters would pick up a Walrus Harvest Tag from the HTO office.
- Each Walrus Harvest Tag would provide for harvesting of one walrus (male or female or calf) in a specific Management Unit.
- Hunting could occur at any time during the year established by the HTO (e.g. Jan.1-Dec. 31 or April 1- March 31)

WALRUS HARVEST TAG: AW-01-2014-001	WALRUS HARVEST TAG: AW-01-2014-001
Keep for personal record (MMR s. 17)	Return to HTO for validation
MANAGEMENT UNIT: AW-01	MANAGEMENT UNIT: AW-01
This Walrus Harvest Tag validates the harvest of one (1) walrus at any time between Jan 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 for Management Unit AW-01.	This Walrus Harvest Tag validates the harvest of one (1) walrus at any time between Jan 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 for Management Unit AW-01.
Sex: Male Female Age: Adult Juvenile Calf	Sex: Male Female Age: Adult Juvenile Calf
Struck & Sunk: No Yes Number:	Struck & Sunk: No Yes Number:
Date Harvested:	Date Harvested:
Location Harvested:	Location Harvested:
Hunter Name:	Hunter Name:
Hunter Signature:	Hunter Signature:

Closures

When is Hunting Over?

1. Once the Community Harvest Limit has been reached, no further hunting is allowed, unless authorized by the RWO.
 - The RWO may approve the transfer of Walrus Harvest Tags between communities in the same Management Unit.
 - If approved, additional Walrus Harvest Tags will be provided to the HTO, by the RWO, to allow hunting of additional walrus.
2. When the sum of the Community Harvest Limits for a particular Management Unit is reached, no further hunting is allowed; **or**
3. When the Hunt Season is over

Harvest Reporting

Harvest Reporting

Once a walrus is harvested the following procedures would be followed:

- Walrus Harvest Tag is filled out by the hunter
- Hunter returns the appropriate portion of the Walrus Harvest Tag to the HTO office.
- Hunter keeps the appropriate portion of the Walrus Harvest Tag.
- Other information required?

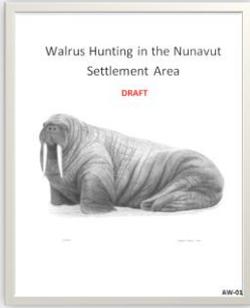
HTO Harvest Reporting

- The HTO records all harvest information from hunters and:
 - Provides DFO with a completed summary of Walrus Harvest Tag Returns (monthly and at the end of each hunt season)
 - Advises the RWO and DFO when the Community Harvest Limit is reached
 - Returns all used and unused Walrus Harvest Tags to DFO for verification and reconciliation once the hunt season is over.

Information Booklets

DFO will develop an information booklet annually which will identify:

- Community Harvest Limits
 - Walrus Harvest Tag requirements
 - Management Measures
 - Harvest Reporting procedures
 - Export procedures
- HTOs should send out these information booklets to all walrus hunters prior to the hunting season and with Walrus Harvest Tag allocations.



Comments or questions?
