



NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING #29

5-7 June 2001

Ikaluktutiak

1. This was the 29th meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, conducted in Ikaluktutiak (Cambridge Bay), June 5-7, 2001.
2. The Board received the final draft of the Peary Caribou Recovery Strategy from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). The Board will be reviewing this plan in the coming months. Under Article 5.2.34 f of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) the Board reviews and approves all such recovery or conservation plans.
3. The Board received an update from DFO on the annual review of community-based management for beluga in Iqaluit and Kimmirut. The HTOs in the two communities are making minor adjustments to the system and are developing posters to help inform community members about the system.
4. The Board received an update on the aerial survey conducted on Hudson Bay narwhal by DFO in summer of 2000. The results of the survey have been presented to the community of Repulse Bay and to representatives from other communities that harvest this stock. A full report on the research will be submitted to the NWMB shortly.
5. The Board also reviewed a proposal to use the Hudson Bay narwhal population as a pilot-project for Objective Based Fisheries Management. There is both recent scientific information (from the aerial survey work last summer) and recent traditional knowledge information (from a workshop conducted last fall) on this narwhal stock. DFO will be establishing a working group to work on the management plan for this stock.
6. The Board received an update on activities by the Oceans Sector of DFO in Nunavut. These activities will include establishing a working group to develop an integrated management plan for the Western Hudson Bay area, and an upcoming panel discussion on Oceans issues on CBC radio in which the NWMB Chair will participate.
7. The Board received an update on the development of a community fisheries management plan for Pangnirtung. Information from various fisheries has been entered into a GIS (Geographic Information System) database and will be presented shortly to the community in order to facilitate discussion of management needs for fisheries in the water bodies near Pangnirtung.
8. DFO updated the Board on the development of new Nunavut Fishing Regulations. A meeting of the Working Group addressing this

matter is planned for later in June.

9. The NWMB reviewed the proposed 13-step process for including the NWMB in the COSEWIC process for designating species at risk. The Board noted some areas where the process needs to be refined and will be discussing this with other wildlife management boards and with CWS in the near future.
10. The Board received a report on the first Wildlife Priorities Workshop, held recently in Gjoa Haven with the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association. This was the first workshop under the new system of setting Wildlife Management Priorities for Nunavut. Similar workshops are planned for the Kivalliq and Baffin regions in August / September. The Board will review the results of these workshops when they have been completed in all regions.
11. The Board discussed the development of a policy on the live-capture of wildlife in Nunavut. NWMB staff have drafted an initial outline of a proposed policy. This will be circulated to NWMB's co-management partners for comments and input and will be discussed again by the NWMB at the next meeting in September.
12. The Board reviewed a request from the newly formed Baffin Fisheries Coalition for allocation of the 4000 MT quota of turbot in Division 0A adjacent to Nunavut. The Board agreed to allocate this quota to the Baffin Fisheries Coalition for 2001.
13. The next (30th) meeting of the NWMB will be in Igloolik, the week of September 17, 2001.

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