

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING No. 40 HIGHLIGHTS

Kangiqsliniq, 7 – 9 December, 2004

1. This was the 40th meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, conducted in Kangiqsliniq, December 7 - 9, 2004.
2. The Canadian Wildlife Service presented an update on species at risk and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC's) designation process for various species. The Board was informed that three species; polar bear, grizzly and wolverine are being considered for listing as species of special concern and require NWMB approval. The Board will notify the Minister of the Environment (Canada) of their decision.
3. The Board received an update from Parks Canada advising the Parks has just received four (4) years of funding for an Inuit Knowledge project. 's activities towards a management plan for the Quttinirpaaq national park and using IQ in the management of national parks.
4. The Board received an update from staff and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the preliminary harvest numbers for communities on community-based management for narwhal and beluga, and plans to continue implementation of the changes and recommendations announced in August, 2003.
5. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans updated the Board on activities relating to bowhead whale hunt and research and walrus live capture in zone II.
6. The department informed the Board about the addition of five beluga populations, Harbour porpoise and Atlantic cod, to the SARA legal list.
7. The Board considered the addition of walrus to the work of the Canada / Greenland Joint Commission on Narwhal and Beluga. The Board's decisions will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
8. The Board reviewed a request for a separate management zone for turbot and ground fish quota for Cumberland Sound. The Board's decisions will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

9. The Board considered proposals for several experimental fishing licenses. The Board's decisions will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.
10. The Board received an update on the progress of the Wildlife Act / Regulations development, on the total allowable harvest workshop, on the polar bear management system review and on the status of the new proposed polar bear MOUs.
11. The Board considered the approval of the polar bear MOUs. The Board's decisions will be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Nunavut.
12. The Board received an update on the status of the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management plan.
13. The Board received an update by its staff on the status of the Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study, the wildlife book series and the Wildlife Management Priorities workshops held in the Kitikmeot and Baffin regions.
14. The Board received an update from NTI on recent activities including the marine mammal's weapon development program.
15. The next (41st) meeting of the NWMB will be in Iqaluit, the week of March 21st, 2004.

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