



Kivalliq Wildlife Board

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Acting Chairman
Nunavut Management Wildlife Board
Iqaluit, NU

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk
Minister responsible for DOE
Government of Nunavut
Iqaluit, NU

Re: Management Plan for Kivalliq Musk ox Populations

Dear Sirs,

The Musk ox issue in the Kivalliq has been a long drawn out affair however through determination and perseverance enormous progress has been made by the co-management partners. Prior to 2007 our hunters had to travel long distances to harvest Musk ox, often passing many herds before arriving at the designated zones; the implementation of Exemption Permits provided easier access to the animals however proved cumbersome when renewing.

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board, in consultation with its communities and the co-management partners, felt it was time to develop a management plan for the Kivalliq Musk ox populations. Several consultation meetings have taken place over the last few years and the following have been identified as priorities in the plan:

- Permanent change to the Nunavut Wildlife Act Regulations to eliminate existing Musk ox harvesting zones and change them into two populations as demonstrated in the attached map (MX17 and MX18).
- Permanent change to the Nunavut Wildlife Act Regulations to remove existing restrictions on harvesting seasons currently imposed on Kivalliq Musk ox.
- To increase the TAH on the Kivalliq Musk ox population to reflect a 5% harvesting ratio which current information suggests is consistent with stable populations of Musk ox.

The KWB and the communities of the Kivalliq feel that they have been adequately consulted on the matter. There are no safety or conservation issues with the Kivalliq Musk ox populations and IQ is and will continue to be used in the management of the herds. GN DOE and NTI Wildlife assisted in the development of the Management and Action Plans and support the KWB's proposed changes to Wildlife Act Regulations. The Board can revisit the Plan on an annual basis or as new information becomes available.

The KWB recently met and unanimously passed resolution #KWB-2010-REG-001 approving the Management and Action Plans for the Kivalliq Musk ox populations. GN DOE has provided supporting documentation for the Management Plan (attached); it is also important to note that the plan was developed in collaboration with NTI Wildlife staff involvement.

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board believes that all the co-management partners and the communities of the Kivalliq Region have been adequately consulted and it is now time to implement the Musk ox Management Plan. The KWB also realizes that it may take some time for the NWMB and GN to make the permanent changes to the Wildlife Act Regulations and is therefore requesting that, in the interim, amendments be made to the existing Exemption Permit allowing these changes to become into effect immediately.

Members of the KWB Board look forward to working with NWMB and the GN to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Richard Connelly at NIWS if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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