

# SUBMISSION TO THE

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD



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Decision:  X

**Issue:** Review of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) consultation plan on narwhal management in Nunavut

**Background:** On August 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, co-management partners<sup>1</sup> participated in a narwhal co-management workshop that was focused on the review of proposed approaches to the management of narwhal (including the review of the summering stock management approach to narwhal) and the development of options to collaboratively address narwhal management issues. The result of the meeting was agreement on an approach forward that included (1) the creation of working groups to provide recommendations on specific management issues and processes; (2) the drafting of a management plan for a December meeting of co-management partners; and (3) community consultations would proceed in January/February 2012 on the draft management plan.

One of the action meetings resulting from the meeting was that DFO, in collaboration with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), draft a consultation plan for the planned consultations to be conducted in January/February 2012. The consultation plan is attached in Appendix 1.

The consultation plan was drafted in such a manner that it reflects an NTI recommendation that 8 communities be visited plus a regional meeting be held amongst those that harvest from the East Baffin / Eclipse Sound / Admiralty Inlet summering stocks. It has been communicated to NWMB staff that NTI has provided an agreement in principle to the current draft of the consultation plan.

### **Recommendations:**

NWMB staff believe that the consultation plan, recognizing logistical and cost challenges, is a reasonable and fair approach for all agencies and communities. It is recommended that the NWMB endorse the draft consultation plan.

**Draft Resolution:** *“RESOLVED that the NWMB support the draft consultation plan for community consultations on narwhal management currently scheduled to occur in January 2012.”*

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**Date:** October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

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<sup>1</sup> Participants included representatives from DFO science, fisheries management and conservation & protection; Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Regional Wildlife Boards, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, and the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Executive Advisory Committee.

## APPENDIX 1: DFO narwhal management consultation plan

### **Draft Plan for DFO Community Meetings with Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), Communities and other Co-management Partners on Narwhal Co-management in Nunavut.**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is planning to consult with narwhal hunting communities in Nunavut in January 2012, to exchange information and seek public comment on narwhal co-management issues, including a draft Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (Management Plan) for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).

In March 2011, DFO invited representatives from the Hunter and Trapper's Organizations (HTO) in all of the narwhal hunting communities and Regional Wildlife Organizations to attend one of six central consultation meetings to discuss our collective understanding of narwhal populations (using both Inuit and scientific information) and the process related to DFO's responsibilities under the Committee on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) with respect to issuing export permits for narwhal tusks and products. These meetings took place in late May 2011, in the communities of Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay, Igloolik, and Qikiqtarjuaq. HTO delegates from Pangnirtung and Hall Beach attended the meetings in Qikiqtarjuaq and Igloolik respectively.

In subsequent meetings, representatives of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Government of Nunavut (GN) and DFO agreed that in order to demonstrate sustainable narwhal harvest levels and effective management practices are in place, both domestically and internationally, an approved narwhal Management Plan needs to be developed and in place prior to January 2013 in preparation for the next meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention in the March 2013. The Management Plan, developed jointly with Inuit, will summarize the main objectives for sustainable narwhal co-management in the Nunavut Settlement Area, and the measures that will be used to achieve these objectives. The Management Plan will also set out the role of each of the co-management partners in ensuring that narwhal harvest levels are sustainable, and that products destined for export comply with both domestic and international trade requirements.

In August 2011, representatives of NTI, NWMB, GN, the RWOs and DFO met to discuss narwhal management issues and identified milestones for finalizing the Management Plan by January 2013. Partners agreed that to achieve this deadline, a Management Plan would be drafted over the coming months. The Management Plan would also include recommendations from co-management working groups tasked with addressing specific outstanding narwhal management issues. This draft Management Plan will be discussed in mid-

December 2011 with co-management partners, and form the basis of community consultation meetings in January 2012.

The community consultations will include the 23 communities that harvest narwhal. DFO will conduct nine central meetings, one in each of the primary harvesting communities with invited representation from the relevant RWOs and HTOs in adjacent communities (Table 1A and 1B).

Participating HTOs, RWOs, Elders and other local residents will be encouraged to provide local and traditional information for consideration, as well as feedback and suggestions on the content of the Management Plan, and how co-managers should move forward with implementation. The information gathered during these consultations will be also be incorporated into information DFO will provide to the NWMB for consideration in establishing narwhal Total Allowable Harvest levels (TAH) and additional non-quota limitations as necessary.

Two simultaneous consultation tours will occur in the latter part of January 2012. Meetings would occur over two days in each community; meeting with the HTO and RWO delegates on Day 1 in the afternoon (1-4 pm) and then holding public consultations on Day 2 (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm).

All written material that will be presented during the community tour will be provided by January 9, 2012 in English and Inuktitut. DFO will hire a translator to travel with each of the consultation teams, and will also hire a local translator in each host community to ensure consistency with the translation of the materials as well as the local information gathered from the meetings.

DFO will provide standard honoraria, airfare and accommodation costs for the RWO representatives and for two HTO representatives from each of the adjacent invited communities, as outlined in Table 1A and 1B. HTOs are welcome to send additional representatives but will be responsible for these additional costs. HTO members unable to attend are welcome and encouraged to provide their input to their representatives that are attending the meeting.

DFO will provide space on the charters for one NWMB, NTI and GN representative to attend the meetings; however each organization should expect to cover its other travel costs (e.g. meals and accommodation, etc).

We will be in contact with each host community HTO to work with them to arrange a venue for the meetings, hospitality, hire of a local translator, as well as to inform the public in each community of the meetings (e.g. local radio announcements, posters, etc.).

**Table 1A:** Consultations with communities harvesting from the East Baffin, Eclipse Sound, and Admiralty Inlet management units, identifying host communities, dates, and involvement of co-management partners.

Meeting Dates <sup>1</sup>	Consultation tour host communities/HTOs <sup>2</sup>	Community delegates to be flown in (2 per community)	RWO delegates to be flown in (1 per RWO) <sup>3</sup>	GN <sup>5</sup>	NWMB <sup>5</sup>	NTI <sup>5</sup>
Jan. 16 & 17	<i>Pangnirtung HTO</i>		QWB	✓	✓	✓
18 & 19	<i>Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) HTO</i>		QWB	✓	✓	✓
20 & 21	<i>Clyde River (Nangmautaq) HTO</i>		QWB	✓	✓	✓
22	<b>Rest Day</b>					
23 & 24	<i>Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) HTO</i>		QWB	✓	✓	✓
25 & 26	<i>Arctic Bay (Ikajutit) HTO</i>		QWB	✓	✓	✓
27	<b>Rest Day</b>					
28	<i>Regional Meeting (EB/EC/AI fall migratory stock) in Iqaluit<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Iqaluit (Amaruq) HTO</i>	QWB	✓	✓	✓
		<i>Pangnirtung HTO</i>	QWB			
		<i>Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) HTO</i>	QWB			
		<i>Clyde River (Nangmautaq) HTO</i>	QWB			
		<i>Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) HTO</i>	QWB			
		<i>Arctic Bay (Ikajutit) HTO</i>	QWB			

<sup>1</sup> Dates are subject to weather

<sup>2</sup> Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs)

<sup>3</sup> Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs): Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB), Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB), Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB).

<sup>4</sup> Regional Meeting with communities harvesting from East Baffin/ Eclipse Sound/ Admiralty Inlet (EB/EC/AI) fall migratory stock (i.e. Iqaluit Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay)

<sup>5</sup> Government of Nunavut (GN), Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI)

**Table 1B:** Consultations with communities harvesting from Somerset Island, Northern Hudson Bay, and Parry Channel/Jones Sound/Smith Sound management units, identifying host communities, dates, and involvement of co-management partners.

Meeting Dates <sup>1</sup>	Consultation tour host communities/HTOs <sup>2</sup>	Community delegates to be flown in (2 per community)	RWO delegates to be flown in (1 per RWO) <sup>3</sup>	GN <sup>5</sup>	NWMB <sup>5</sup>	NTI <sup>5</sup>
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Jan. 16 & 17	<i>Kugaaruk HTO</i>	<i>Hall Beach HTO</i>	<i>QWB</i>	√	√	√
		<i>Igloolik HTO</i>	<i>QWB</i>			
		<i>Resolute HTO</i>	<i>QWB</i>			
		<i>Taloyoak HTO</i>	<i>KRWB</i>			
		<i>Gjoa Haven HTO</i>	<i>KRWB</i>			
		<i>Cambridge Bay (Ekaluktutiak) HTO</i>	<i>KRWB</i>			
Jan. 18 & 19	<i>Repulse Bay (Arviq) HTO</i>	<i>Rankin Inlet (Aqiggiag) HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>	√	√	√
		<i>Coral Harbour (Aivitt) HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>			
		<i>Chesterfield Inlet (Aqigiq) HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>			
		<i>Baker Lake (Qamanittuaq) HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>			
		<i>Whale Cove (Issatik) HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>			
		<i>Arviat HTO</i>	<i>KWB</i>			
		<i>Cape Dorset (Aiviq) HTO</i>	<i>QWB</i>			
		<i>Kimmirut (Mayukalik) HTO</i>	<i>QWB</i>			
Jan. 20 & 21	<i>Grise Fiord (Iviq) HTO</i>		<i>QWB</i>	√	√	√

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**Table 2A:** Consultations with communities harvesting from the East Baffin, Eclipse Sound, and Admiralty Inlet management units, identifying travel times and meeting schedules.\*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Travel</b>	<b>Details of consultations</b>
1	Jan. 16	<i>Iqaluit to Pangnirtung (arrive early am)</i>	<i>Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Pangnirtung</i>
2	Jan. 17		<i>Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Pangnirtung</i>
3	Jan. 18	<i>Pangnirtung to Qikiqtarjuaq (arrive early am)</i>	<i>Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Qikiqtarjuaq</i>

4	Jan. 19		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Qikiqtarjuaq
5	Jan. 20	Qikiqtarjuaq to Clyde River (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Clyde River
6	Jan. 21		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Clyde River
7	Jan. 22	<b>Rest Day (travel from Clyde River to Pond Inlet in early am)</b>	
8	Jan. 23	Pond Inlet (arrive day before)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Pond Inlet
9	Jan. 24		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Pond Inlet
10	Jan. 25	Pond Inlet to Arctic Bay (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Arctic Bay
11	Jan. 26		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Arctic Bay
12	Jan. 27	<b>Rest Day (travel from Arctic Bay to Iqaluit in early am)</b>	
13	Jan. 28	Iqaluit (arrive day before)	Regional meeting with HTO, RWO and other delegated representatives from communities harvesting from East Baffin/ Eclipse Sound/ Admiralty Inlet fall migratory stock (i.e. Iqaluit Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay) in Iqaluit

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**Table 2B:** Consultations with communities harvesting from the Somerset Island, Northern Hudson Bay, and Parry Channel/Jones Sound/Smith Sound management units, identifying travel times and meeting schedules.\*

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Day	Date	Travel	Details of consultations
1	Jan. 16	Iqaluit to Kugaaruk (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Kugaaruk
2	Jan. 17		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Kugaaruk
3	Jan. 18	Kugaaruk to Repulse Bay (arrive early am)	Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Repulse Bay
4	Jan. 19		Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in

*Repulse Bay*

5	Jan. 20	<i>Repulse Bay to Grise Fiord (transfer to smaller plane required - arrive early am)</i>	<i>Meetings with HTO, RWO(s), and other delegates in afternoon (1-4 pm) in Grise Fiord</i>
6	Jan. 21		<i>Public consultations (1-4 pm and 7-9 pm) in Grise Fiord</i>

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