

# **SUBMISSION TO THE** **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**



**On behalf of the Advisory Committee for the Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM)**

## **FOR**

**Information: X**

**Decision:**

**Issue:** Advisory Committee for the Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM) draft Management Plan “Taking Care of Caribou: the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren Ground Caribou Herds Management Plan”

## **Background:**

The Advisory Committee for the Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM) was established through the finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)<sup>1</sup> between eight inter-jurisdictional co-management boards. The Committee was formed to exchange information, enhance cooperation, and make recommendations regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat issues that cross land claim and treaty boundaries. As per the MOU, the Committee’s mandate includes the development of a management plan for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose east caribou herds.

In early 2009, the ACCWM formed a Working Group, comprised of the 8 parties of the MoU and the Decho First Nation, to prepare a draft Management Plan for the Cape-Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East caribou herds for submission to the ACCWM. On April 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 the ACCWM met to review the final draft of the plan. At the time, the KRWB and the Kugluktuk HTO requested further consultation before considering support for the management plan. As per direction of the NWMB at RM 02-2011, wildlife staff organized and conducted consultations in Kugluktuk during the first week of August.

## **Overview:**

Background information and an overview of the Management Plan was presented to the Kugluktuk HTO, and again during three public meetings held at the Kugluktuk Community Hall. There was also an opportunity for community members to provide additional comments to NWMB staff during an informal drop in following the meetings. A summary of the comments received during the consultations was provided to the Kugluktuk HTO to distribute to their Board and other community members for review. Feedback from the HTO is expected by September 30. This information will be provided to the authors of the Management Plan and all members of the ACCWM for consideration in creating a final version of the document.

Wildlife staff have prepared a presentation on the Management Plan (Appendix I), and a summary of the input received during the consultations (Appendix II) for your consideration in this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> The MoU was approved by the NWMB at Regular Meeting No. 56.

The Kugluktuk HTO Board has requested that they have the opportunity to review the Management Plan following their comments being forwarded to the authors of the plan. Their recommendation can then be made to the NWMB, when the Management Plan is brought to the Board for decision at the December Regular Meeting.

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