

SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD

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**Information: X**

**Decision:**

**Issue:** Brief update on DFO Science Emerging Fisheries Program in Nunavut

**Background:**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Science sector under the Emerging Fisheries Policy has been completing research on fisheries licenced as exploratory in Nunavut. The intent of this research is to fill in knowledge and data gaps on existing fisheries licenced as exploratory and to provide a stock assessment for these fisheries. DFO Science has provided advice on 4 stocks listed as exploratory since 2004. Presently, DFO Science is planning to provide advice on at least 8 more stocks by 2020.

**Current Situation:**

To improve communication between DFO Science and the NWMB, it has been suggested that an update on current and future research plans for exploratory fisheries be provided to the NWMB. To best convey the research plans, we propose that our Emerging Fisheries Research Scientist attend the next NWMB meeting and that DFO provides a detailed presentation on their exploratory (emerging) fisheries research (current and future) at this time.

**Consultations:**

DFO Central & Arctic Region and Eastern Arctic Area

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