

**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING NO. RM 003-2013 HIGHLIGHTS  
Iqaluit, Nunavut**

1. Regular Meeting No. 003-2013 of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) was conducted in Iqaluit, Nunavut on September 9, 2013.
2. Environment Canada presented a briefing note regarding the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) Assessment for the Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Environment Canada asked the NWMB whether or not they wish to make a formal decision on supporting Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada's (COSEWIC's) proposed listing of the Buff-breasted Sandpiper as a species of Special Concern under the Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA).
3. Environment Canada presented a briefing note regarding the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) Assessment for the Western Population of Grizzly Bear. Environment Canada asked the NWMB whether or not they wish to make a formal decision on supporting Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada's (COSEWIC's) proposed listing of grizzly bear as a species of Special Concern under the Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA).
4. Environment Canada presented a briefing note on the proposed Management Plan for the Rusty Blackbird in Canada. Environment Canada asked the NWMB to consider whether or not to make a formal decision on supporting the national SARA Management Plan for Rusty Blackbird, and if so, whether or not they approve of the Management Plan.
5. Fisheries and Oceans Canada presented a briefing note providing operational updates on; staffing, marine mammals, turbot and shrimp, arctic char, general licensing, sciences, conservation and protection, and the fisheries protection program.
6. Fisheries and Oceans Canada brought forward the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization's (NAFO's) recommendations for the 2014 total allowable catches (TACs) for Greenland halibut (turbot) Divisions 0A + 1AB and Divisions 0B + 1C-F respectively. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is seeking the advice of the NWMB on the recommended total allowable catches for the respective divisions, including a recommended increase of 3,000 tonnes in Divisions 0A + 1AB. The last time there was an increase in Divisions 0A + 1AB, it was split 50/50 between Canada (Division 0A) and Greenland (Divisions 1AB).
7. The Government of Nunavut Department of Environment presented a briefing note requesting a decision from the NWMB to lower the current Southampton Island caribou total allowable harvest from 1, 000 caribou to 800 caribou.
8. NTI did not have an official presentation.
9. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's Terrestrial Wildlife Biologist presented a briefing note summarizing the Baffin Island Caribou Workshop that was held in Iqaluit on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
10. The next Regular Meeting of the NWMB will be held in Iqaluit in December 2013. Please refer to the NWMB's website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)) for updates.

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