

SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Information: X

Decision:

Issue: Brief update on the Fish of Nunavut book.

Background:

The Nunavut Series has had success and completed many books over the years, except for the Fish of Nunavut Book. The Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment Fisheries and Sealing Division has been working for the past 2 years with InHabit Media and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to complete the Fish of Nunavut book. A mock-up and timeline to production for the Fish of Nunavut book was presented to the Board at their June 2013 meeting.

Current Situation:

Due to unexpected editorial issues and medical issues with the illustrator our timeline has been delayed. Completion of a draft has moved from September 2013 to April 2014. Translation of the book into French is currently awaiting approval, but funding for translation of the book into Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun has yet to be established. By June 2014 the press-ready English version should be ready. By October 2014 the printed copies should be ready for distribution in at least English, but hopefully all languages.

The current book is nearly finished and we have enough information completed that we are able to start working on the Child's Guide to the Fish of Nunavut; this was an idea presented to us by the Board at the June 2013 meeting. The Child's Guide to the Fish of Nunavut would be written at a grades 3 – 6 level and no additional research (literature review) is required. The Child's Guide to the Fish of Nunavut would include 10 of the most common fish species in Nunavut. The initial list of species being considered are: Arctic Char, Greenland Halibut (Turbot), Slimy Sculpin, Three and Ninespine Stickleback, Lake Whitefish, Lake Trout, Grayling, Greenland Shark, Arctic Cod and Northern Pike. **We are looking for feed-back from the Board before the end of March on this list of 10 species and would like to know if they think more species need to be in the Child's Guide to the Fish of Nunavut.**

Consultations:

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