

SUBMISSION TO THE

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

FOR



Information:

Decision: X

Issue: New proposals for the Nunavut Wildlife Study Fund (NWSF) for 2015-2016

Background: The Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund (NWSF) funds community-based management and research projects in Nunavut that are carried out by Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, Regional Inuit Associations or individual residents of Nunavut. The NWSF file numbers identify the community associated with the project, the year of original application and project number.

The projects were evaluated using the criteria outlined in the NWSF policy in the same manner as Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust projects. Projects were scored based on the information submitted by the applicant, and then ranked based on their total score. Proposals were scored based on the following four sections, for a total score out of 100:

- Priorities / 25 (NWMB Priority 7.50 and Regional Priorities 17.50);
- Quality of research / 35;
- Funding and training / 25; and
- Consultation and reporting / 15

NWSF projects are not considered for multi-year funding. The NWSF Policy indicates that proposals must receive a score of at least 50% to be brought to the Board for consideration. This year both of the proposals that were received are being brought to the Board for consideration, which together have requested a total of **\$26,922**.

The Board determined in its 2015-2016 budget that **\$25,000** is available for NWSF for this fiscal year. However, the NWMB Executive Director recently approved a carry-over request from Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization for NWSF project #244-14-02 "M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear Biopsy and Hair Snag Survey" in the amount of **\$30,000**. Therefore, there are currently no funds available to allocate to new projects for 2015-2016. To remedy this, staff will be presenting to the Board, in the upcoming Internal In-camera meeting, a budget reallocation that will provide the NWSF with the necessary \$26,922, should the Board decide to approve the following projects.

A summary of the scores and projects are provided in the table below. Project proposals and project reviews are included in **Tabs 25-26**.

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New Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund Proposals for 2015-2016					
Project #	Title	Amount Requested	Score	Rank	Tab
210-15-1	Arctic Char Populations	\$11,500	73.15	1	25
246-15-1	Harvesting Data Collecting	\$15,422	63.5	2	26
Total Funds Requested:		\$26,922			
Total Funds Available:		\$26,922¹			

¹ The Total Funds Available are pending Board approval of a reallocation of funds within the 2015-2016 fiscal budget that will be presented to the Board at the March Internal In-Camera meeting.