

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT NUMBER: 2-13-19

RESEARCHER: Moshi Kotierk

TITLE: The knowledge of the Public, Inuit and Inuit Elders and Hunters of Baffin Bay Polar Bears and Wildlife Management

ORIGINALLY FUNDED: 2013-2014 \$15,000
2014-2015 \$15,000 (Carry-over from 2013-2014)

NWMB FUNDING: \$15,000

PROJECT SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to document economic and social-cultural information about Baffin Bay polar bears and wildlife management in a format that is readily useful for decision making and invites Inuit participation early in decision making processes. The project's main objectives are to randomly survey the public in affected communities of Clyde River, Pond Inlet and Qikiqtarjuaq allowing the researcher to measure and document 1) public and Inuit interests in wildlife management; 2) public and Inuit perspectives on the Baffin Bay polar bear population; 3) public and Inuit confidence and perceptions of the performance of the wildlife management systems; and 4) public and Inuit perception of their participation in the wildlife management system.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount from NWMB:	\$15,000
Amount from Others:	\$18,000 + \$29,250 in-kind
TOTAL	\$33,000
Expenses:	\$0
Difference	+ \$33,000 (Unknown amount to be returned)

COMMENTS: The interim financial report indicates there has been a delay in conducting this research due to the need to accommodate management concerns with respect to Baffin Island caribou. Therefore, the money for this project has not yet been spent. It is still anticipated that this project will be completed prior to March 31st, 2015. The interim progress report indicates that the start date to conduct research has been revised to January 20th, 2015, with research and analysis projected to be completed by March 31, 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. NWMB Wildlife staff does not have any recommendations for this reporting period. The project leader has met all of the reporting requirements to date. A final financial report will be required by June 30th as per the NWRT policy.
2. NWMB staff will follow up with this researcher to ensure that he is able to complete his work prior to the March 31st, 2015 deadline. Project results will be captured in the final project report which is required by September 30th, 2015.

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