

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT NUMBER: 3-13-35

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TITLE: Development and implementation of a community-based fishery monitoring program and adaptive fisheries resource management science approach for Arctic char in Baffin region, Nunavut

ORIGINALLY FUNDED: (multi-year) 2013-2014
2014-2015

NWMB FUNDING: \$10,000

PROJECT SUMMARY: The purpose of this study is to continue development and implementation of a community-based fishery monitoring program and adaptive fisheries resource management science approach for Arctic Char in partnership with the Pangnirtung community and Hunters and Trappers Organization. Specifically, the project objectives are: 1) the identification of indicator stocks in participating communities; 2) the hiring and training of community fishery monitors and community co-researchers; 3) collection of five consecutive years of biological data on Arctic Char as well as selected environmental information; 4) the delivery of test fishery programs evaluating indicator stocks to support a progressive increase in harvest; and 5) the completion of an integrated Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit-scientific assessment on indicator stocks at the end of the five years and the production of a fisheries resource management science approach for Arctic Char.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount from NWMB:	\$10,000
Amount from Others:	\$116,000
TOTAL	\$126,000
Expenses:	\$126,000
Difference	\$0

COMMENTS: The interim financial report indicates that all of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust funding for this project has been spent. As this is year 3 of a 5 year research program, preliminary results were not provided. Preliminary biological data collected in 2014 will be provided in the final report. Overall, the interim report indicates that the project is on schedule. Interviews with fishers from Pangnirtung were initiated in December 2011 and have been completed as of September 2014. The project has been presented and discussed at Regional Wildlife Board meetings and at a community consultation meeting with the Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. NWMB Wildlife staff do 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 2015 as per the NWRT policy. Project results will be captured in the final project report which is required by September 30th, 2015.

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