

SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Decision:



Issue: Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund (NWSF) project progress reports for 2014-2015

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.

During their quarterly meeting in March 2014, the Board committed NWSF funding to three projects in 2014-2015 for a total of \$63,698. One requirement of projects funded by the NWSF is that they provide interim progress and financial reports to the Board. For NWSF projects funded in March, the deadline for submitting interim reports is January 15th.

The NWMB did not receive a signed contribution agreement for project 212-14-01 and therefore, has not distributed the funding for this project. Since this project was supposed to take place in summer 2014, it is assumed that the project has been cancelled.

It is not possible to determine if any funds are expected to be returned to the NWMB from project 214-14-01 "Reindeer Ground Survey 2015" at this time as the work for this project was not expected to be completed until March 2015 and no interim financial or progress reports were submitted. NWMB staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the final financial reports (due June 30th) to ensure that all required NWMB funds are returned if not spent.

The NWMB received a carry-over request for project #244-14-02 "M'Clintock Channel polar bear biopsy and hair snag survey". The Hunters and Trappers Organization was unable to complete the survey last year due to complications with the Government of Nunavut aerial survey. The carry-over request was recently approved by the NWMB Executive Director.

During a Board teleconference call in January, the NWMB approved NWSF funding to one additional project, #210-14-01, for a total of \$5,700. It is not possible to determine if funds are expected to be returned as the work is still on-going and the deadline for submitting interim reports for this project is not until January 15th 2016.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FOR 2014-2015 NWSF FUNDED PROJECTS

Project #	Title	2014-2015 Funding	Funds Expected to be Returned	Tab #
212-14-01	Bowhead whale (<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>) genetic mark-recapture in Cumberland Sound, Baffin Region	N/A	N/A	N/A
214-14-01	Reindeer Ground Survey 2015	\$12,698	Unknown	N/A
244-14-02	M'Clintock Channel polar bear biopsy and hair snag survey	\$30,000	CARRY-OVER	N/A
210-14-01	Arctic char populations	\$5,700	Unknown	N/A
Total		\$18,398	N/A	