

**SUBMISSION TO THE**  
**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**December 2018**

**FOR:** Information: X

**Decision:**

**Issue:** Development of Nunavut Fishery Regulations

**Updates:**

- On July 9, 2018, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the Government of Canada, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and the Government of Nunavut (GN) issued a Joint Statement on the Development of Fishery Regulations for the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).
- In the statement, all parties confirmed their commitment to co-develop the policies related to the management of fisheries in Nunavut.
- New regulations will replace the existing *Northwest Territories Fishery Regulations* in Nunavut, and will recognize and respect the rights of Inuit and the roles of Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) and Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs) as set out in the *Nunavut Agreement*.
- Phase 1 of the co-development process involves the co-design of the policy framework to support the new regulations. The goal is to finish Phase 1 in early 2019.
- A co-development meeting was held on October 10 and 11 in Iqaluit between NTI, NWMB, GN, Makivik Corporation and Fisheries and Oceans Canada and again on November 20 and 21 in Ottawa. The meetings build on the progress to date and continue policy discussions on the development of the Nunavut Fishery Regulations.
- The proposed scope of the regulations applies to all fish (including marine mammals) and currently includes the areas within the Nunavut Settlement Area (including the Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy). Consideration is also being given to include the Nunavik Marine Region.
- Collaboration and engagement will be key to ensure Inuit rights and government responsibilities are represented. Meetings are being planned to engage with RWOs as well as HTOs, community members and other Indigenous groups as the development continues.

- A day and a half workshop took place on November 27 and 28 in Iqaluit where the RWOs discussed the policy framework and concepts for the proposed regulations.

### **Handout**

- Joint statement on the Development of Fishery Regulations for the Nunavut Settlement Area (Inuktitut)
- Joint statement on the Development of Fishery Regulations for the Nunavut Settlement Area (English)

### **Further Information:**

- <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/acts-lois/rules-reglements/rule-reglement35-eng.htm>
- <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/statements-declarations/nunavut-eng.htm>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2018/07/nunavut-tungavik-incorporated-the-nunavut-wildlife-management-board-the-government-of-nunavut-and-the-government-of-canada-agree-to-develop-fisheri.html>

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