

Summary of consultations on the “Recovery Strategy for Northern Wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*) and Spotted Wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*), and Management Plan for Atlantic Wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*) in Canada” and “Action Plan for the Northern Wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*) and Spotted Wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*) in Canada”.

From July to September 2015, the amended version of the 2008 “Recovery Strategy for Northern Wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*) and Spotted Wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*), and Management Plan for Atlantic Wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*) in Canada” as well as the draft “Action Plan for the Northern Wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*) and Spotted Wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*) in Canada” were available for comment by selected groups. Hunters and Trappers organizations in Nunavut adjacent to the distribution of the three wolffish species, representatives of the commercial fishing industry and the Government of Nunavut were some of those groups. Public consultations on these two documents will take place in the future via the Species at Risk (SARA) public registry.

The original Recovery Strategy and Management Plan were amended to include information from recent research as well as the location of critical habitat for Northern and Spotted Wolffish. No critical habitat was identified in Nunavut. The Action Plan is a required document under the SARA and explains exactly who is responsible for certain activities identified in the Recovery Strategy.

Contact was made with Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) via phone calls, emailing of materials and hard copy mailings of materials. For HTOs this process began in July and ended in September 2015. For the commercial fishing industry, Nunavut government and Inuit organizations, contact was made only once through an Express Post mailing of all pertinent information in July 2015. All materials were provided in English and Inuktitut.

No comments were received from any of the following organizations that were sent the information about the revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan and the Action Plan.

HTOs (Kimmirut, Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet): No comment although three of these HTOs mentioned that that was in part because no one actively fishes for these species..

Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board: No comment, but materials primarily sent as “for your information”.

Nunavut Government, Department of Environment, Fisheries and Sealing: No comment.

Fishing Industry: No comment.

A list of materials sent, when and how, appears in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A: Approximate date of contact and materials sent to Nunavut.

CONTACT WITH HTOs - Kimmirut, Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet:

July 2015 – Express Post letter with the executive summary of the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan (both in English and Inuktitut) asking if there was any comment on the new and revised documents.

August 2015 – Express Post letter with the executive summary of the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan (both in English and Inuktitut) asking if there was any comment on the new or revised documents.

August 2015 – Email informing that the consultation period was over, but that DFO would still be accepting any comments on the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan. Email included the English and Inuktitut summaries of the Action Plan and Recovery Strategy/Management Plan.

September 2015 – Phone call to all HTOs asking for any comments on the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan as no HTO had submitted any comments at that time.

CONTACT WITH NUNAVUT INUIT WILDLIFE SECRETARIAT, NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC., QIKIQTAAALUK WILDLIFE BOARD:

July 2015 – Express Post “FYI” with the executive summary of the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan (both in English and Inuktitut) asking if there was any comment on the new and revised documents.

CONTACT WITH NUNAVUT GOVERNMENT:

July 2015 – A single Express Post with the executive summary of the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan was sent to Fisheries and Sealing, Department of Environment, asking if there was any comment on the new and revised documents.

CONTACT WITH FISHING INDUSTRY:

July 2015 – A single Express Post of letter was sent to Baffin Fisheries Coalition, Nunavut Offshore Allocations Holders Association, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, Arctic Fishery Alliance, Cumberland Sound Fisheries; Umiat Corporation with the executive summary of the Action Plan and revised Recovery Strategy/Management Plan (both in English and Inuktitut) asking if there was any comment on the new and revised documents.