

**CO-SUBMISSION TO THE
NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD March 10, 2021**

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Information:

Decision: X

Issue: Approval of the 2021 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for Cambridge Bay Arctic Char (*Salvelinus alpinus*), Commercial Fishery, Nunavut.

Map: Commercial fishing locations for the Cambridge Bay Commercial fishery included in the IFMP.



Background:

The 2014 Integrated Fishery Management Plan (IFMP) for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char Commercial Fishery has been updated and revised for 2021. The IFMP provides a clear and concise summary of the Arctic Char fishery characteristics, including the history, location, gear, participants, management issues, decision making processes and biology of Arctic Char (*Salvelinus alpinus*). The IFMP describes the existing previously approved management measures, current functioning, license conditions and regulations.

It is important to note that although the IFMP contains some new information, it does not include any proposed changes to the management regime that would affect any allocation holder, harvester or

stakeholder in the fishery.

Of note, a new addition to the updated 2021 IFMP is a description of new initiatives and regulations including DFO's Ghost Gear Initiative and US-MMPA regulations, which have been consulted on with stakeholders. To adhere to the new initiatives and regulations, commercial license conditions and requirements for reporting have been updated in the IFMP and will be implemented in 2021. A summary of all changes to the 2021 IFMP is included in Tab 2.

Consultation:

DFO Arctic Region has consulted with stakeholders of the Cambridge Bay Commercial Arctic Char fishery to review and comment on the updated IFMP at previous pre and post season meetings and public engagements held in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. The final draft was distributed to co-management partners and stakeholders for comments on January 14, 2021. A summary of consultations and stakeholders can be found in Tab 3.

The updated 2021 IFMP:

- summarizes the current management regime of this fishery, which has been used to sustainably manage the fishery for many years; ;
- updates the scientific and traditional knowledge of the stock that has been collected and shared since the 2014 IFMP was implemented;
- does not have any implications to any existing previously approved process / measure in the fishery;
- does not propose or imply any new management measures; and
- has undergone a full consultative process with all affected stakeholders and resource users.

It is recommended that the NWMB approve the updated 2021 IFMP to replace the 2014 IFMP previously approved by the Board.

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Date:

February 4, 2021

Attachments: (4)

Tab 2: Consultation Summary (Translated/English)

Tab 3: Summary of Changes (Translated/English)

Tab 4: Full 2021 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) (English/Inuinnaqtun)