

Thorny Skate: DFO Listing Consultation Summary

Summary of Consultations Within the Territory of Nunavut

Consultation Efforts:

- A public notice in English, French and Inuktitut was placed May 29, 2015 in *Nunatsiaq News*. This notice also appeared online on the *Nunatsiaq News* website and remained visible for two weeks.
- Consultation products were sent to:
 - 7 Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs)
 - Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board
 - Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat
 - Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
 - 5 Fishing industry groups
 - Government of Nunavut, Division of Fisheries and Sealing
- An initial email with copies of the factsheet and questionnaire were sent to all HTOs in advance of the consultation period advising them that DFO would be asking their opinion on listing. Hard copies of all information were sent in May to all HTOs, Inuit organizations and industry groups. An email notifying HTOs of the ad in *Nunatsiaq News* and that the Public Registry could be used for making comments was sent in late May. Additional hard copies of the same information were sent in June 24 and July 20. A consultation reminder was emailed to all HTOs on June 19 and reminder of the conclusion of consultations was emailed to all HTOs in early August.
- Consultation check-ins for Thorny Skate were completed in 2023.

Consultation Results:

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- **Do not support listing:**

The Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment, Fisheries and Sealing Division: Does not support listing, stating that the available data does not suggest any particular risk to the species in Nunavut and the government has already supported efforts to reduce bycatch. Furthermore, they indicated that listing would hinder the development of the fishing industry in the territory. They deemed listing as unnecessary and suggested that more specific research would be preferred.

