

SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Issue: Written Hearing Concerning the Nattivak (Qikiqtarjuaq) Hunter and Trappers Organization's Request to Fish the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk Regional Exploratory Allocation for Turbot (Greenland Halibut) outside the Nunavut Settlement Area

Background:

The NWMB has decided to hold a written hearing to consider the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization's (HTO) proposal to fish the 100t NAFO Division 0A exploratory allocation outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) near Qikiqtarjuaq in 2013.

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) staff has prepared a document entitled Summary: additional relevant background information and considerations, which is posted on the Board's hearing website.

NWMB staff had requested information from DFO regarding whether there had been any fishing in the area in previous years.

DFO is therefore making a submission to the written hearing that contains this information.

Fishing outside of the NSA near Qikiqtarjuaq:

The information below pertains to the yellow area outside of the NSA on the map provided by the Nattivak HTO in its Proposal for NWMB Decision. This map can be found in the document entitled Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization Proposal, which is posted on the Board's hearing website.

- Fishing occurred in this area in the years 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007 and 2010.
- The total amount of turbot caught over all 5 years was 53.27 t. Over all 5 years, 6 vessels caught between 1.9 and 25.47 t each. The average catch per vessel was 8.88t.
- The 6 vessels spent between 1 and 6 days fishing in the area. The average number of days spent fishing was 2.3 days.
- This fishing took place with single and double trawls and gillnets. No fishing has taken place with longline gear. In accordance with the Privacy Act, detailed CPUE

figures cannot be released due to the limited number of vessels and gear types used.

- The depths fished were between 487 and 653 fathoms. The median depth was 587.5 fathoms.

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