



May 24th, 2016

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As part of the planning process for its upcoming public hearings to consider the Government of Nunavut's *Proposals for Decision* on establishing total allowable harvests for Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) invited user groups of the two herds from Nunavut and the Northwest Territories interested in participating in the hearings to submit requests for hearing party status to the Board.

As per Section 5.2.28 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* "any representative or agent of the Government of Canada or Territorial Government, any Inuk or any Hunters and Trappers Organization or Regional Wildlife Organization shall be accorded the status of full party at a public hearing and the NWMB may, at its discretion and in conformity with its rules, determine whether any other person is accorded the status of full party for the purpose of any particular public hearing". Therefore, the submission of requests for party status only applied to user groups that were not already invited to be a party in the NWMB's April 1st, 2016 hearing invitation letter.

The Board received the following hearing party status requests by its May 13th, 2016 deadline:

- 1) The Kitikmeot Inuit Association requested full hearing party status for both hearings;
- 2) The North Slave Métis Alliance requested full hearing party status for both hearings;
- 3) Boyd Warner, president of Adventure Northwest, requested full hearing party status for the Bathurst caribou hearing; and
- 4) The Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board requested to make a presentation and respond to resulting questions at both hearings, but did not request full party status.

The Board considered these submissions for hearing party status at its May 13th, 2016 internal meeting (INT 006-2016) and decided to approve all four requests. The Kitikmeot Inuit Association and North Slave Métis Alliance are full hearing parties for both hearings, Boyd Warner of Adventure Northwest is a full hearing party for the Bathurst caribou hearing, and the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board has been granted witness status for both hearings, meaning they may present their written submissions, respond to any resulting questions, and observe the rest of the proceedings.

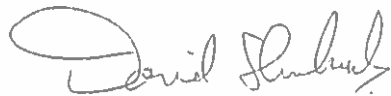
These requests and all supporting documentation and related correspondence are available online from the NWMB's public hearing registries for the two hearings.

The hearings will be held at the Community Hall in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on June 14th-15th (Bathurst) and 16th-17th (Bluenose-East), from 9 AM – 5 PM, with the possibility of evening sessions from 7-9 PM.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the NWMB:

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