

NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING

Establishment of a Total Allowable Take for Bowhead Whales in the Nunavik Marine Region



Notice is provided on January 13th, 2013, that the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) will conduct a written hearing to consider the establishment of a Total Allowable Take (TAT) for Bowhead Whales in the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR).

Objective of hearing: in December 2013, the *Regional Nunavimmi Umajulirijiit Katujjiqatigiinninga* (RNUK) presented a resolution to the NMRWB indicating that the community of Quaqtaq intended to hunt a bowhead whale during 2014.

The NMRWB has previously established a Basic Needs Level of two (2) bowhead whales for the NMR and a TAT of one (1) bowhead. While the Basic Needs Level remains applicable, the TAT was for 2012 only. Consequently, the NMRWB must establish a new TAT in order for a bowhead hunt to occur in Nunavik. Bowhead hunted in the NMR are from the Eastern Canadian Arctic – West Greenland bowhead population, which is also hunted by Nunavut Inuit and in Greenland.

Following this written hearing, the NMRWB will determine the TAT for bowhead whales in the NMR.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all relevant documents will be posted on the NMRWB website (www.nmrwb.ca); these documents can also be obtained by contacting the NMRWB office (see coordinates below).

Submissions: The NMRWB invites all interested parties, including members of the public, to file written submissions and supporting documents relating to the establishment of a TAT for bowhead whales in the NMR **by no later than 5:00 PM on February 21st, 2014**. All written submissions and supporting documentation must be filed in French, English and Inuktitut (documents more than 10 pages in length do not require translation, but must be accompanied by a detailed summary in Inuktitut, English and French). The requirement for translation does not apply to individual Nunavik Inuit. Submissions may be sent electronically (preferred), by fax or by mail to the following coordinates:

Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board

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P.O. Box 433, Inukjuak (QC) J0M 1M0

Phone: (819) 254-8667

Fax: (819) 254-8816

Receipt of all submissions will be acknowledged. Please confirm with the NMRWB by email or phone that a complete and legible copy of fax transmissions has been received.

Additional Information: If you require further information concerning the hearing or filing of submissions, to obtain other relevant documents or to learn about the NMRWB's hearing procedures please contact the Board at the above coordinates.