

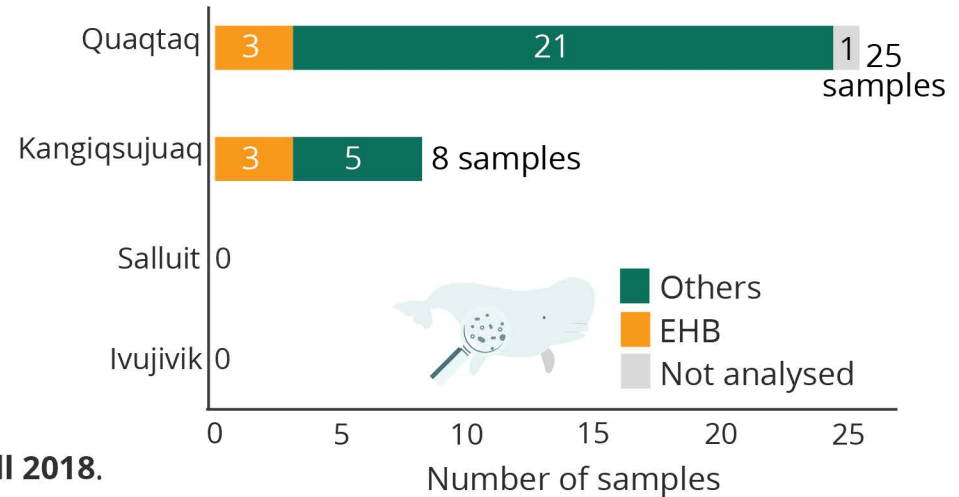


# 2017 Hudson Strait Pilot Project Report



- Public hearings revealed that in Hudson Strait, some hunters believed that endangered EHB beluga\* could be avoided based on the **timing of migration**:  
 “In the fall, EHB migrate first (avoid harvest) and belugas from other stocks migrate later.”
- Two communities provided samples that could be considered in the pilot project.
- EHB belugas were expected to be about 25% of the harvest.
  - In Kangiqsujaq, more EHB (38%) were caught than expected.
  - In Quaataq, less EHB (13%) were caught than expected.

Overall, **the pilot project returns 4 belugas to Hudson Strait for fall 2018.**

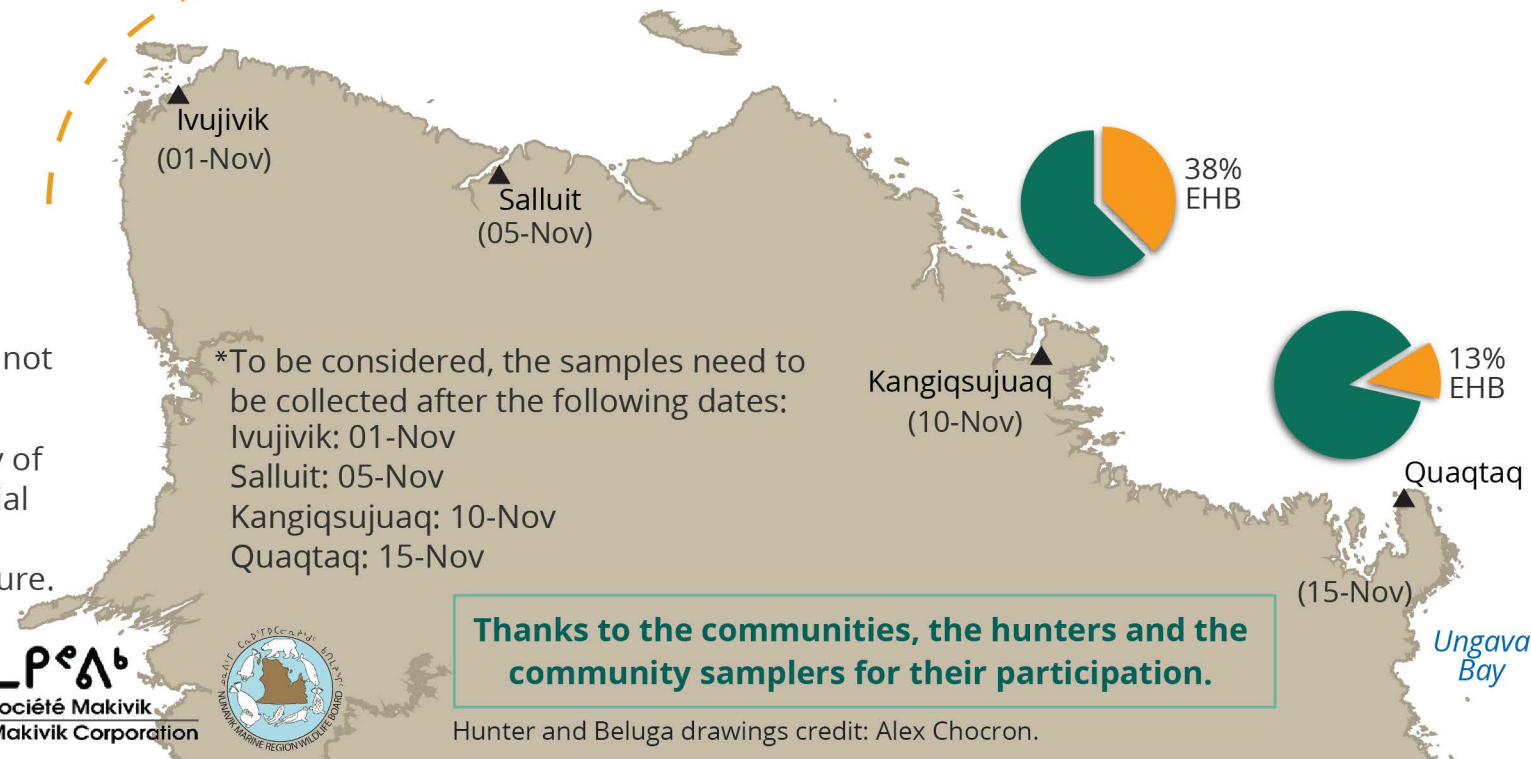


\*EHB: beluga from East Hudson Bay  
 Others : beluga from West Hudson Bay or different stocks

Others migrate later

EHB migrate first

- Participation is optional. If hunters do not want to participate in the pilot project, it can be indicated on the sampling form.
- Remember: Sampling is very important, even if samples are not used in the pilot project.
- Sampling contributes to a body of knowledge that has the potential to support an Inuit-led harvest management system in the future.



**Thanks to the communities, the hunters and the community samplers for their participation.**

Hunter and Beluga drawings credit: Alex Chocron.



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