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Subject: Nunavik beluga in-person public hearing

Good afternoon,

The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) has officially provided notice of a public hearing to consider a management system for beluga harvest in the Nunavik Marine Region. The current management system expires January 31st, 2020 and we look forward to receiving submissions from all parties. Providing submissions is important to ensuring your views are fairly represented at the public hearing. All parties and the NMRWB will be given the opportunity to ask questions regarding submissions. Non-parties may provide additional information to be considered during the hearing process, following the same deadline as that for party submissions. Please feel free to contact our staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Important dates:
December 10, 2019: NMRWB deadline to post best available information
December 20, 2019: Deadline to file for party status
January 8, 2020: Deadline for parties to file submissions
January 21-23, 2020: Public hearing in Kuujjuaqapik

Full details can be found on our website:

Thank you and have a great week,
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If possible, please provide responses to the following questions:

1- Currently the harvest management of beluga aims to keep the population numbers the same over the years. Would you prefer to manage beluga harvesting to keep the population stable (regulations similar to now, possibly with changes) or to help the population increase (regulations would likely become more strict, but as the population increases, regulations would be lowered)

Same as last year

2- How long would you like the next management system to last?
(3 years, 1 year, something else?)

3 year management system to last.

3- If a Total Allowable Take is established again, do you think it should be shared among all of Nunavik, or divided into smaller regions?

Divided to unsaved into smaller regions.
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If possible, please provide responses to the following questions:

4- If the NMRWB decided to move away from a Total Allowable Take, what other conditions or regulations could be used to conserve the East Hudson Bay beluga, including during their migration through Hudson Strait and Ungava Bay? Examples could include closed hunting seasons, or areas, or other hunting limitations which do not include a quota. We are looking for any ways that hunting pressure on EHB beluga could be reduced, without using a Total Allowable Take. What are traditional approaches to ensuring beluga are not over-harvested?

FIRST ONE WOULD NOT BE HARVESTED

IN THE FALL ONLY WOULD BE BETTER TO HARVESTED.

HARVEST IS THE BEST TO DO. AND AFTER KILL BY SHOOTING.

5- Have you noticed any changes in beluga abundance, migration, or health in the last 3 years? 6 years? longer? Please comment on any other changes you may have noticed as well.

EVERY YEAR CHANGES ARE LESS AND HIGHER

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If possible, please provide responses to the following questions:

6- How many belugas are struck and lost during hunting in your community? For example, One in every five? One in every ten?

ONE IN EVERY TEN.

7- When and where does your community prefer to hunt beluga, and how many does the community hunt during these times? How many would your community prefer to hunt?

IN OUR COMMUNITY WE PREFER TO HUNT WITH NO LIMIT.

8- What should be the roles of partner organizations in regulating the beluga hunt (RNUK, LNUKs, DFO, Umajuit wardens)?

LNUKS BE THE ROLES PARTNER ORGANIZATION IN REGULATING THE BELUGA HUNT.
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1-10 but we don't really loose them because we harpoon them first and nearly loose them.

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No quota locally but would use quota west hunting in the Hudson Straight.

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LNUK's would like to control the beluga hunt locally in Aupaluk.
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You can draw on the map to help communicate your comments (for example sensitive beluga areas, ideal hunting areas, or areas where the harvest management should be done differently).

We hunt all along the coast in Nunavik.