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*Have a nice day.*













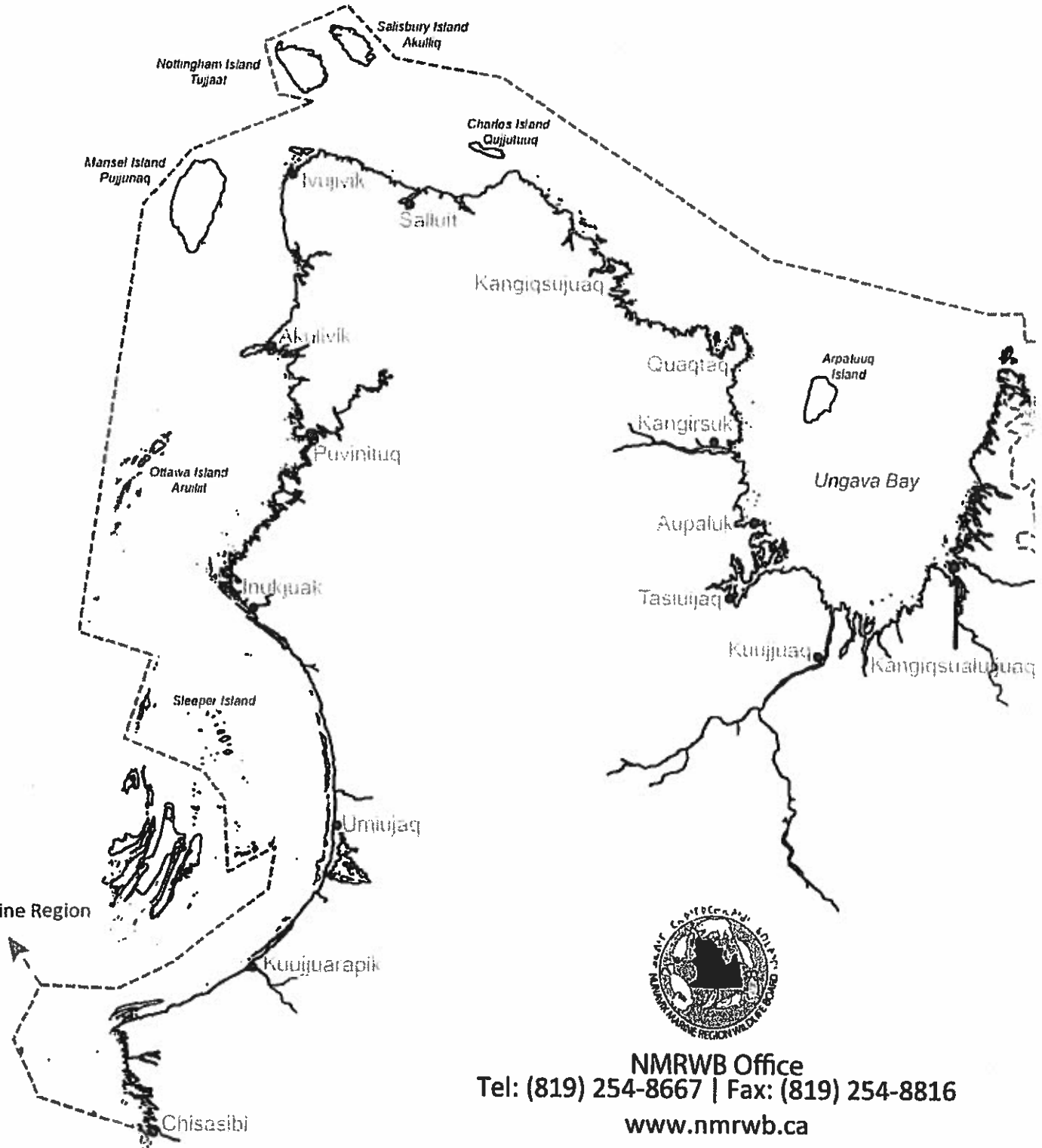




### Comments - Management System for Beluga Whale Harvesting in Nunavik

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).

- All the between the coast of Nunavik & the dotted are or is <sup>considered</sup> Qilaluratsumik



Limit of the Nunavik Marine Region



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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)

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

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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?

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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?

- We suggest to keep Little Whale River closed from hunting beluga at all times thru out the year. And if possible, to monitor the two places thru out the year ~~with~~ to make sure hunting beluga don't take place in those two rivers

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.

- We have not really seen difference in recent years. Maybe we ignore seeing due to that we can't just hunt them anywhere anytime. So, with the regulations of not being able to hunt them causes us not to pursue seeing them.



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6- How many belugas are struck and lost during hunting in your community?

For example, One in every five? One in every ten?

We rarely lose any due to that we harpoon the beluga first before shooting.

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?

We would like to hunt nearby since many belugas pass by our community and thru the islands nearby. We would like to hunt beluga or harvest just what we need.

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

Keep monitoring the Little Whale River & Nastajaka River that the hunters don't catch any beluga there.



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- Our quota in recent years is way too little for our community
- Our quota of average 3 per year is like a joke, laughing matter, so we diffinately need increase our allowable catch
- Aquariums, ? Where do they get or catch their beluga
- Elders or hunters want to know what routes do the WHB stock take to & from.
- Orcas, killer whales are assisting humans in diminishing the population of belugas so if we could eliminate the orcas the diminishing of belugas would greatly improve
- Hunters from Umiujag would like to participate with Sanikiluaq in spring hunt during the no quota system. Want Sanikiluaq be more welcoming for the beluga hunt.
- Believe 3<sup>rd</sup> parties such HSP, Land Holding Corp & others to stop financing hunts to Long Island. Believe that it should be DFO financially responsible for long distant hunt all the way to Long Island & or to James Bay area as it is costly.
- Would like accurate count of EHB stock
- Researchers stay too short of time during their study on belugas when researching



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BELUCA HEARING IN KUUSJURAAPIK 2020

RECOMMENDATION AND URGENT IN NEED:

EASTERN HUDSON IN NUNAVIK COMMUNITIES  
 KUUSJURAAPIK UMIUJAQ INUKJIAK PUVIRJITUK AKUUNIK  
 HUDSON STRAIT COMMUNITIES IN NUNAVIK  
 IVUSIVIK SALLUIT KANGIJSUSUAQ QUARQAQ  
 UNGAVABAY COMMUNITIES IN NUNAVIK  
 KANGIRSUK AUPALUK TASIUSAQ KUUSJUAQ KANGIJSUALUSSUAQ  
 GETS THEIR OWN DELEGATES ON BELUCA MANAGEMENT THAT  
 WOULD WORK DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN AND  
 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE ALSO  
 THAT PEOPLE OF NUNAVIK QUEBEC INUIT GETS SHARE  
 AND GIVEN SAME NUMBERS ON TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES  
 AND OCEAN ALSO INUIT PEOPLE OF NUNAVIK DO MORE  
 TRACKING EVERY YEAR ON ESTIMATED NUMBERS GIVEN  
 YEAR AFTER YEAR.

RECOMMENDING THAT TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE IN JAMES BAY  
 AND LONG ISLAND IN SAME NUMBERS

RECOMMENDING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENT  
 OF OCEANS NOT TO THREATEN THE INUIT PEOPLE OF NUNAVIK  
 SINGLE RIGHTS TO HARVEST ON MAMMALS OF ANIMALS WERE  
 AGREED UPON BETWEEN INUIT AND CREE AND ALL THE  
 FIRST NATION/ PEOPLE IN CANADA WITH THE FEDERAL  
 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA,

ANQUVIRAK - LISUR PRESIDENT  
 SIMON TOOKALOOK  
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## BELUCA MANAGEMENT HEARING IN KUUTJUAARAPIK 2020

AS WE ARE ENTERING NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN ON BELUCA  
TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE (TAT) FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS  
AS I AM REPRESENTING THE LOCAL NUNAVK UMAJUIT  
KATIMAJIIT ANGVIRAK IN UMIUJAQ FOR THE HUNTERS  
AS INUIT HAVE THE RIGHTS TO HARVEST ON ANY ANIMALS  
THAT WAS AGREED WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
AND NATIONS ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN CANADA  
NOW IT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO INCREASE TOTAL  
ALLOWABLE TAKE (TAT) ON BELUCA FOR UPCOMING SEASON  
I AM REQUESTING FOR UMIUJAQ HUNTERS TO INCREASE  
TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE TO 40 BELUCAS EACH YEAR FOR  
TOTAL OF 120 FOR THREE YEAR PLAN. I AM REQUESTING  
THESE NUMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE SINCE THE FIRST  
NATIONS ABORINAL INCLUDING THE INUIT PEOPLE OF  
UMIUJAQ HAVE RIGHTS TO HARVEST ACCORDING TO  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AGREEMENT WITH  
THE FIRST NATIONS OF CANADA INCLUDING INUIT  
OF NUNAVK, THIS REQUEST FOR TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE  
WILL BE IN UMIUJAQ AND VICINITY.  
ALSO KEEP THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE TAKE AGREEMENT  
IN LONG ISLAND AND JAMES BAY. THANK YOU

LUK PRESIDENT UMIUJAQ  
SIMON TOORALOOK

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We prefer to hunt beluga in the area front of UMIUJAQ community. (Nastapoka Sound) 15. Richmond gulf (Tasiujak) 15, from Aug, Sept

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

- Keep Nastapoka River Close for beluga harvest.
- Keep Little Whale river Close for beluga harvest



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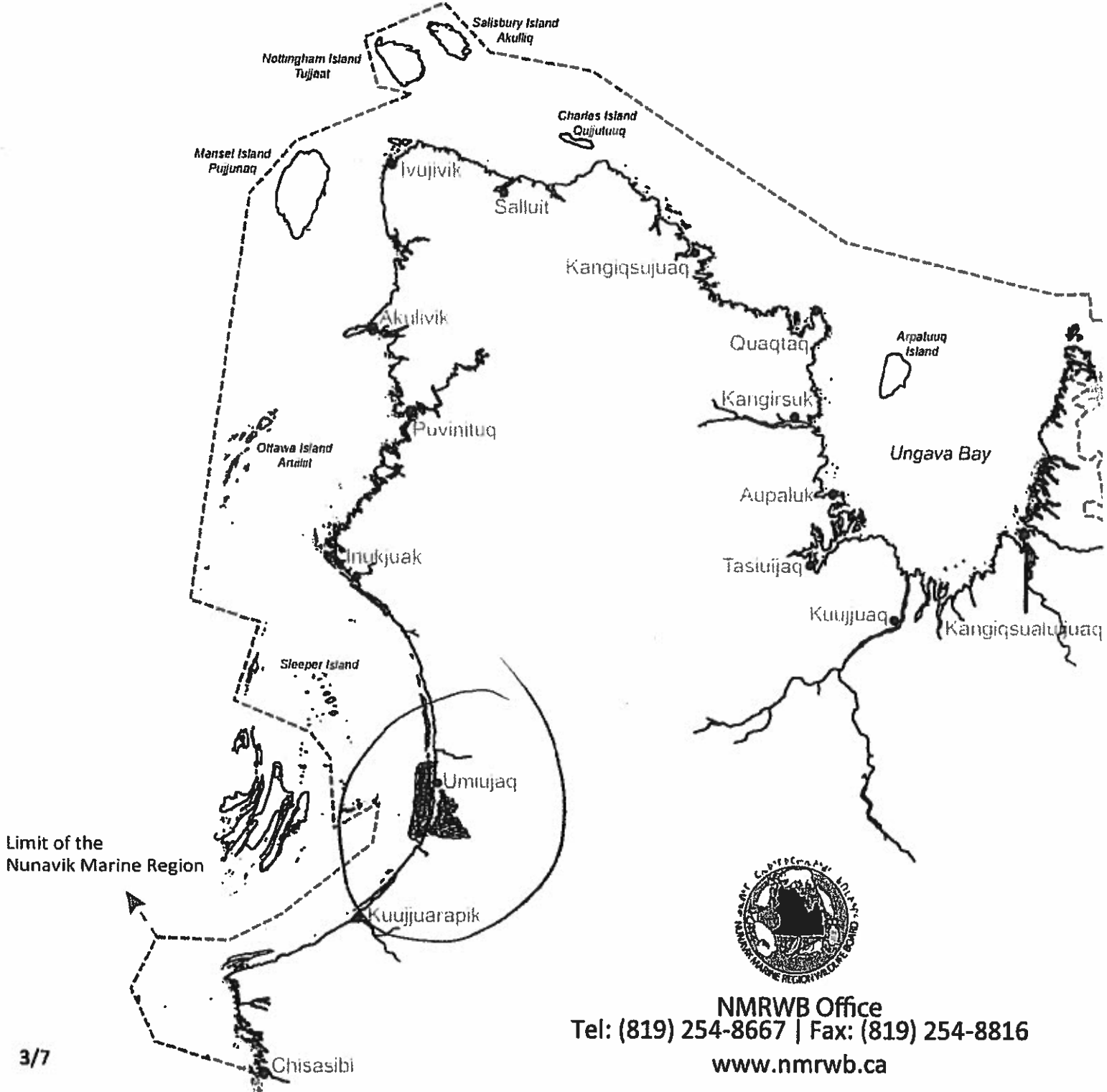
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Umiujaq hunters, hunt in area front of community (Nastapoka Sound) and Richardson gulf (Tasiujaq)  
TAT 30 beluga shots request



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