

**SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION
BELUGA WHALE MANAGEMENT**

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GENETIC AND CONTAMINATES ANALYSES OF SANIKILUAQ

**SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ASKED WHAT CAN WE DO TO ASSIST
THE RECOVERY OF EASTERN HUDSON BAY BELUGA**

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BELUGA HUNTING RULES

BELUGA WHALE HUNTING RULES OF SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY OF SANIKILUAQ RELATE TO BELCHER ISLANDS AREA, KING GEORGE ISLANDS, AND SLEEPER ISLANDS.

WHEREAS THE NUNAVUT AGREEMENT AND THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD HAS ESTABLISHED A BELUGA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT RECOGNIZES THE RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF BELUGA WHALES TO INUIT HUNTERS.

WHEREAS THE SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION THAT THIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLACES IMPORTANT OBLIGATION BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND ON EACH OF ITS MEMBERS.

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ENACTS THE FOLLWING
RULES , WHICH ARE BINDING AND A ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE MEMEBERS OF ORGANZATION**

- 1. THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF BELUGA WHALE , WITH INUIT RESPECT FOR WILDLIFE.**
- 2. EVERY BELUGA WHALE THAT IS HARVESTED IN THIS SANIKILUAQ HUNTER & TRAPPERS HUNTING AREA, BELCHER ISLANDS, KING GEORGE ISLANDS AND SLEEPER ISLANDS.**
- 3. FOR EACH BELUGA WHALE LANDED , THE MEMBER MUST COMPLETE THE HARVEST INFORMATION AND RETURN IT TO SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS OFFICE THE DAY AFTER RETURNING FROM THE HUNT.**
- 4. THE MEMBERS MUST KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE NUMBER OF BELUGA WHALE STRUCK AND LOST AND MUST PROVIDE THE RECORD TO THE SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT DAY UPON RETURNING.**

SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION HAVE A BELUGA MONITOR IN PLACE TO INSURE IF ALL THE SAMPLES ARE COLLECTED THAT NEEDS TO BE ENTERED TO DATA SHEET.

SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS AND COMMUNITY OF SANIKILUAQ AS A VOLUNTEER HUNTING CLOSER

DUE TO, EASTERN HUDSON BAY BELUGA WHALE RECOVERY PLAN WHICH WAS ESTABLISH BY DFO WITH SANIKILUAQ HUNTER & TRAPPERS THAT BELUGA HARVESTING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 15 TO OCTOBER 15.

HOWEVER THE DATES FOR HUNTING CLOSER WERE CHANGED BY PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 27, 2012 THAT CLOSER DATES WILL BE JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 30 , DUE TO THE SWELLS ARE LARGER BEGINNING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

POINT OF INTEREST:

DURING 2011 THERE WAS 75 BELUGA ENTRAPPED AT SOUTH BELCHERS ALL MALE EVEN CALF WERE MALE, WE ONLY SAMPLED 12 DUE POLAR BEAR IN THE AREA. RESULTS WERE THE SAMPLES COLLECTED WERE NOT FROM EASTERN OR WESTERN HUDSON BAY SOCK.

SANIKILUAQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH NWMB, NTI AND DFO TO MAKE BELUGA MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE BASE ON IQ AND SCIENCE INFORMATION

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