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NMRWB Staff	Why are these three species being considered for listing under SARA?	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	When a species is designated as Special Concern, does it mean the government is concerned that the population could disappear completely?	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	<p>What is the purpose of the listings? What will be the consequences to the region and to Inuit if these species are listed?</p> <p>As follow up to the initial response from DFO:</p> <p>Will there be impacts on other species that Inuit harvest (e.g. beluga and seals)?</p> <p>Aside from increased research funding, are there additional advantages for Nunavik Inuit of listing these species as Special Concern? (i.e. increased population control funding? more efforts in tracking populations?)</p>	DFO and ECCC (additions may be needed)	<p>To help the species to survive in the long term and ensure that it does not become endangered due to human activity.</p> <p>In terms of what it will mean for hunters, in a nutshell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No restrictions or impact on the hunt for these species · Hunters would be invited to participate in the planning of conservation measures whose implementation would not be mandatory under SARA <p>In detail:</p> <p>Listing under SARA as a species of Special Concern means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No legal prohibition under SARA of hunting activities · No legal obligation under SARA to set quotas · The only obligation that comes with the listing is DFO's obligation, within three years, to carry out collaborative planning of conservation objectives and measures to help the species to survive in the long term, and to report (every five years) on the implementation of these measures.

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NMRWB Staff	When a species is designated as Special Concern, does it mean that localized population control measure for that species could be limited or made illegal?	DFO and / or ECCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Conservation measures try to address all identified threats to the species and the habitat o Planning of conservation objectives and measures are done in cooperation with affected governments, wildlife boards, Aboriginal organizations, and any other appropriate organization and in consultation with any persons affected by or interested in the management plan. · Enhanced access to funding for implementing the conservation measures. Noting that there is no obligation under SARA to implement these measures.
NMRWB Staff	Are there currently any human activities threatening these species, or are there any that are predicted to occur in the future in the NMR?	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	Concerns have been raised that the designation of a species as Special Concern could be the start toward a path of limiting Nunavik Inuit harvesting (and possibly other) freedoms through future uplistings (e.g. listing a species as	DFO and / or ECCC	

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	threatened or endangered). How can this concern be addressed and resolved?		
NMRWB Staff	What are COSEWIC and SARA, and what are their roles and responsibilities in Canada?	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	The populations assessments are nearly two decades old in the case of Eastern Canada-West Greenland population of Bowhead Whales (2002/2003) or non-existent in the case of the Northwestern Atlantic / Eastern Arctic population of Killer Whales. Further, it appears that there is no information related to population trends. Is this correct? Given the above, what is the rationale for proposing these listing and based on what information?	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	<p>Numerous LNUKs raised concerns about the involvement of neighbouring regions that harvest from these populations (e.g. Nunavut and Greenland). In particular, LNUKs do not want any of their submissions to impact on the harvesting rights of others.</p> <p>Can you please provide details as to what consultation has happened in these regions and what further is planned?</p>	DFO and ECCC	

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	<p>What impact will the NMRWB/EMRWB decisions in relation to the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR) have on other regions?</p> <p>If other regions, including regions adjacent to the Eeyou Marine Region (EMR) / NMR reach different decisions than the NMRWB/EMRWB, will the Minister make determinations for the species as a whole or for the species in each region.</p> <p>If there are different determinations from adjacent Boards/regions, how will the Minister reconcile differences.</p> <p>In addition to protentional impacts on harvesting, what impacts will designation have on other human activities in the NMR? Ex. Development and transportation, etc.</p>		
Chisasibi LNUK	<p>Has the Canadian Royal Navy conducted drills in James Bay and/or Hudson Bay before? If they did, did they consult with DFO and the people before entering EMR / NMR, because the sonars on the submarines are very powerful (up to 140dB) and can kill animals.</p>	DFO and ECCC	<p>ECCC representative had never heard of ECCC being informed of military exercises by the navy. They have their own Environmental staff and would do their own consultations. Only come to ECCC if needed, but maybe DFO can add.</p> <p>Should be confirmed [DFO/ECCC should contact the Navy and inquire in order to respond]</p>

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Bowhead Specific Questions			
Quaqtaq LNUK	<p>Wonder why DFO is now worried about Bowhead Whale, when the numbers have been increasing?</p> <p>Nunavik Inuit rarely harvest them, what is the human activity that threatens them now?</p>	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	<p>Would the designation of Bowhead Whales as Special Concern have any effect on Nunavik Inuit harvesting rights, or any other rights?</p>	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	<p>Why is the species being considered for listing, if the most recent estimates show there are many more Bowhead Whales than previously thought? Is there any indication of decline?</p>	DFO and / or ECCC	
Killer Whale Specific Questions			
Kuujjuaraapik LNUK	<p>Can a survey could be done for Killer Whales in the Hudson Bay and Cape Jones (James Bay) areas?</p>	DFO	<p>When the aerial survey for beluga are done, they take note of all species they observe. DFO will very data from this past summer to confirm if any Killer Whales were sighted.</p>
Umiujaq LNUK	<p>What can be done to decrease the Killer Whale population in the Nunavik Marine Region? Especially in the area where Eastern Hudson Bay beluga are present.</p> <p>Can Killer Whales be harvested to have the numbers brought down?</p>	DFO / ECCC	

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	<p>Are there other options to decrease the number of Killer Whales in the areas of Eastern Hudson Bay?</p> <p>What can DFO or ECCC do to assist?</p>		
NMRWB Staff	<p>As follow up to previous question, if the Killer Whales are designated as Special Concern, would this in any way limit the options for how Nunavik Inuit could deal with the problem of too many Killer Whales?</p>	DFO and / or ECCC	
NMRWB Staff	<p>If they Killer Whales are designated as Special Concern, how would this interact with the somewhat conflicting view that Killer Whales are actually increasing in Nunavik, and could be causing increased predation pressure on other marine mammals, including Eastern Hudson Bay beluga?</p> <p>Further to this, while science has little available information related to this population of Killer Whales, Inuit are quite clear about the increasing observations and abundance of Killer Whales and expressed concerns about their presence and population size.</p> <p>How do you reconcile this seemingly opposing concerns?</p>	DFO and / or ECCC	

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	Further, if the increased presence of Killer Whales in the NMR and the threat to Killer Whales is attribute to climate change, how will this designation address the human activity causing climate change? (understanding that human activity causing climate change is happening outside of the NMR)		
Northern Bottlenose Whales Specific Questions			
Kangirsuk LNUK	Asked what is the size of Northern Bottlenose Whales?	DFO	Northern Bottlenose Whales are 7 to 9 meters when at full maturity.