



Purpose and Rules for the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board's Written Public Hearing to Consider the reclassification of designation for the Red Knot under the federal Species at Risk Act.

THE PURPOSE is to conduct a Written Public Hearing on the request for decision and proposal from the Government of Canada to the Boards to list the Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) from "Threatened" to "Special Concern" or "Endangered", depending of the wintering population of the subspecies, under the federal Species at Risk Act ("SARA") in accordance with its respective authority under s. 5.2.4(f) of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement ("NILCA").

The purpose of this Written Public Hearing is specifically the following:

To consider approving the designation of the Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), under the SARA within the Nunavik Marine Region as a:

- ***"Special Concern" for the Northeastern South America wintering population and,***
- ***"Endangered" for the Southeastern USA / Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean wintering population.***

The Proposal, along with other documents comprising the best available information to date is available for review or download from the NMRWB's website (<https://www.nmrwb.ca/public-hearing-red-knot/>).

HEARING RULES:

1. The hearing shall be conducted by way of a Written Public Hearing. Information may be filed by any member of the public. However, participation rights, such as posing questions and filing submission is limited to Parties with Standing.
2. Parties with Standing include those identified in the ss. 5.6.24, 27.6.4 and 29.3.9 of the NILCA.
3. Individuals or organizations that demonstrate an interest in the decision to be made, may make an application to the Boards to have Party Status.
4. Late filing of applications, documents, or submissions will not be accepted unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NMRWB explaining late filing. Materials for this hearing that are not filed on time will not consider.

5. The requirement for translation of submissions and supporting documentation filed with the NMRWB does not apply to individual members of the public.
6. For all others who file supporting documentation with the NMRWB, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length, if each supporting document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut) at least two (2) pages in length.
7. The NMRWB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
8. The NMRWB will allow for the filing of questions in relation to the Proposal/request for decision. Parties as well as board members may put forward questions. Answers to the questions will be provided by the organizations that submitted the request for decision and proposal. All answers will be part of the Written Public Hearing Record and will be made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
9. The NMRWB will conduct all meetings and deliberations on the matter jointly. Those with observer status under NILCA 5.2.2 may have technical advisors attend such meetings and deliberations. The NMRWB reserves the right to hold in-camera meetings with their legal counsel, with the exclusion of observers, at any time throughout the hearing and the decision-making process.