

Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board Hearing Rules for the

Eastern Hudson Bay Arc Region TAT Boundary Reconsideration Hearing.

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THE PURPOSE: The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) is holding a Written and Virtual Public Hearing to reconsider the northernmost boundary of the current Eastern Hudson Bay Arc Region seasonal Total Allowable Take in accordance with their authority under s. 5.2.3(a), 5.2.10 and 5.2.11 of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA). These rules have been developed and adopted by the NMRWB for this Hearing to ensure a timely and effective process and to ensure the NMRWB has the best available information before issuing a decision on the matter.

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HEARING RULES:

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1) The Rules herein are in application for the duration of this hearing.

2) The NMRWB may at any time suspend or amend the Rules in order to ensure procedural fairness and the efficient and just fulfilment of its mandate.

3) This NMRWB Public Hearing shall be conducted by way of a written and virtual public hearing (hybrid hearing).

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4) Definitions:

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a) Parties are those organisations or individuals identified at section 6 of these Rules as having a right to participate in this Hearing, and those granted Party status in accordance with section 7 of these Rules.

5) Hearing Registry and the Hearing Record:

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a) the NMRWB will keep and make available to the public and Parties to the Hearing all relevant documents filed with the NMRWB on the Hearing Registry.

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b) The Content of the Hearing Registry as well as the transcripts or reports from various oral presentations during the Hearing will form the Hearing Record and is the information upon which the NMRWB will make its decision.

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c) The NMRWB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy obligations.

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6) Participants:

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a) the NMRWB recognizes the following participants as having Full Party Status for this Public Hearing:

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b) Participants with Full Party Status have the right to participate, as outlined in these Rules, in all the various steps of this Public Hearing, including but not limited to the submission of information to the Board, participation in Question-and-Answer sessions, pre-hearing conferences, technical meetings and the submission of closing statements.

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c) Note that subject to Article 5.2.2 of the NILCA, all deliberations of the NMRWB on the issues addressed in this Hearing and/or any motions brought during the Hearing are privileged and confidential, and parties do not have a right to attend or observed such deliberations.

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7) Applications for Party Status:

a) Organisations or individuals not already recognized as a Party, but who wish to participate in this Public Hearing as a Party can apply for Party status by completing the application attached herein in **Appendix A**.

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b) The decision to grant additional organisations or individuals Party status is the sole discretion of the NMRWB, as is the level and scope of participation permitted to additional Parties.

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8) Information Requests:

a) the NMRWB will, as a first step, and may at any other time during the Hearing, issue an Information Request to the Parties and the public in an effort to gather all relevant information and reports for inclusion in the NMRWB's Hearing Record.

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9) Question-and-Answer Period:

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a) the NMRWB will provide an opportunity for Parties to ask questions to other Parties in relation to the reports and information the other parties have filed. This process will be in writing but may also be completed during the virtual Technical session (below). The NMRWB members and staff may issue questions to the Parties at this time as well.

10) Virtual Technical Session:

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a) the NMRWB will host a virtual Technical session over Zoom to give the Parties an opportunity to ask questions of each other with respect to the information provided by the Parties and their positions on the issue of the northernmost boundary of the Eastern Hudson Bay Arc Region TAT. It will also be an opportunity for the NMRWB members and staff to ask questions of the Parties.

b) The Technical session will be chaired by the Chairperson of the NMRWB and will be facilitated by the staff of the NMRWB. The Technical session will be recorded and the recording or transcript, or a Technical session report summarizing the content of the meeting, will be made available on the Registry and will form part of the Hearing Record.

11) Pre-Hearing Conference:

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a) At any time prior to any stage in the Public Hearing, the NMRWB Chair may call a Pre-Hearing Conference.

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b) The purpose of a Pre-Hearing Conference may be to discuss and focus the issues to be covered in the various hearing steps, to discuss the hearing schedule and to address any possible procedural issues.

12) Closing Submissions:

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a) Parties will have an opportunity to provide the NMRWB with a summary of their position and their opinion on what they think the NMRWB should decide on the issue of the northernmost boundary of the Eastern Hudson Bay Arc Region TAT through Closing Submissions.

b) Parties can provide their Closing Submissions in writing before the deadline provided or orally at the scheduled hearing for Final Closing Submissions hosted virtually over Zoom by the NMRWB.

c) The Public Hearing will be closed at the end of the last day of the Final Closing Submissions deadline.

13) Other General rules:

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a) The NMRWB will not accept late filing of applications, documents, or submissions unless the Party provides persuasive written reasons explaining the late filing to the NMRWB and the NMRWB deems the reasons for late filing to be acceptable.

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i) For greater certainty, the NMRWB will not accept any additional information or material following the closing of the Public Hearing.

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b) Translation: Parties are required to provide filed material in English and Inuktitut.

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i) The requirement for translation does not apply to individual members of the public.

ii) For all other Parties who file documentation with the NMRWB, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length as long as each document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut) at least two (2) pages in length.

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c) **Deliberations and Board Decision Making:** The NMRWB will conduct all decision-making meetings and deliberations on the matter following the Hearing, In-camera. 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 legal counsel, with the exclusion of observers, at any time throughout the Hearing and the decision-making process.

Appendix A **∆∟Ր⊲?∩̀° A**

NUNAVIK MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD

Application to Obtain Party Status



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Attach additional pages if necessary.
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Explain how you could be affected by the decision:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Signatory