

Purpose and Rules For the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board And Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Boards' Joint Written Public Hearing To Consider The Total Allowable Catch Levels For Northern And Striped Shrimp

THE PURPOSE of the Joint Written Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB, collectively Boards) is to consider Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Request for Decision to the Boards (Request) seeking recommendations and decisions on total allowable catch (TAC) levels for northern and striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones for the 2026/2027 fishing season. Further, the purpose of the Joint Written Public Hearing is to ensure impacted parties have an opportunity to review the Request and the information in support of it, to share additional information and their views with the Boards so as to ensure the Boards have the most relevant information upon which to make their decisions and recommendations.

The purpose of this hearing is specifically to consider the following:

For the Western Assessment Zone

- Overall TAC for both northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and striped (*Pandalus montagui*) shrimp in the Western Assessment Zone
- Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavut-West
- Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavik-West

For the Eastern Assessment Zone

- Overall TAC for both northern and striped shrimp in the Eastern Assessment Zone
- Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavut-East
- Harvest level for both northern and striped shrimp in the Nunavik-East
- Distribution of northern and striped shrimp TAC within the Davis Strait management units and the allocation of the TAC among fleet interests

Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat (CSAS):

- Stock update for northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in the north and south stock assessment regions for the 2026-27 fishing season
- Stock assessment for striped shrimp (*Pandalus montagui*) in shrimp fishing area 4, the eastern assessment zone, and western assessment zone for the 2026-27 fishing season

The Proposal and additional documents relevant to the hearing are available for download from the NWMB and NMRWB's websites (www.nwmb.com; www.nmrwb.ca)

HEARING RULES:

1. The hearing shall be open to the public and any interested person or body may file with the NWMB and NMRWB supporting documents relevant to the "Request for Decision".
2. Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all materials filed with the Boards or produced during this hearing will be publicly available through the public registry.
3. The public registry will be the joint hearing record for the NMRWB and the NWMB.
4. The Government of Canada, Government of Nunavut, Designated Inuit Organizations, Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, the Regional Nunavimmi Umajulirijiit Katujjiqatigiinninga (RNUK), Local Nunavimmi Umajulirijiit Katujjiqatigiinningit (LNUKs), and any Nunavik or Nunavut Inuk have status of party for the hearing.
5. The NWMB or NMRWB may invite additional persons or bodies to be a party to the hearing.
6. A person or body, other than those named above, wishing to be a party to the hearing shall submit a written request to the NWMB or NMRWB wherein the reasons for the request and the basis of their interest in the Request are explained.
7. Material filed with the NMRWB or the NWMB after filing deadlines will not be included in the joint hearing record and will not be considered by the Boards unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB or NMRWB for the late filing.
8. The requirement for the translation of material filed with the NWMB and NMRWB does not apply to individual Nunavik and Nunavut Inuit and members of the public.
9. Translation of documents over ten (10) pages in length is not required. However, such documents require a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut).
10. Although the written public hearing is conducted jointly, the NWMB and NMRWB will independently exercise their authorities pursuant to the provisions of their respective Land Claims Agreements.
11. In the event that the Minister rejects the initial decisions made by each Board, parties may be given an opportunity to file submissions to the Boards on the reasons for rejection provided by the Minister prior to the Boards reconsidering their decision and issuing final decisions.