



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Related to the Consideration of Extending the Current Beluga Management System until August 31, 2027 (Seven-month extension)

Notice is herein provided on October 20, 2026 that the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) and Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) (collectively the “Boards”) are holding a **written hearing to consider whether to approve a request received from co-management partners Anguvigaq, Makivvik and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), to extend the current Beluga Management System by seven months, until August 31, 2027**, in accordance with their authority under s. 5.2.3(a) and 5.2.3(e) of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (“NILCA”) and s.13.2.1(a) and 13.2.1(e) of the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement (“EMRLCA”).

This written hearing is being held to gather information and the positions of all relevant parties regarding the proposed extension. The Request for Decision emphasizes that the extension should be granted without changes to the current management system to limit confusion in the region and to focus efforts on preparing harvesters and resource users for the future management system. Co-management partners also intend to use the extended time to develop and submit a Request for Decision and a proposal for a new management system to the Boards, as required in order to launch a larger hearing on the next management system. However, in the event that the extension is granted, the Boards retain the authority to amend aspects of the current Beluga Management System as needed in response to new information, especially where immediate conservation or management responses are required.

A copy of the Request for Decision as submitted by the co-management partners along with additional documents relevant to this issue are available for download from the NMRWB Hearing Registry (www.nmrwb.ca/2026belugamanagementsystemextension-hearing-2) or may be obtained by requesting copies by contacting the NMRWB using the contact information below.

The following parties have Full Party status at this joint written hearing:

- Makivik Corporation
- The Cree Nation Government
- Any Anguvigait (LNUK)
- Any Local Cree Trappers Association (“CTA”)
- The Anguvigaq (RNUK)
- The Regional CTA
- Any Nunavik Inuk
- Any Cree of the Eeyou Istchee
- The Government of Canada
- The Government of Nunavut

HEARING SCHEDULE

October 20 - 30, 2026: (i) Applications for Party Status and (ii) Submissions to the Hearing Registry

October 30 - November 17, 2026: (iii) Final Written Submissions, (iv) Virtual/Phone Submissions.

(i) Application for Party Status

Individuals or organizations not listed above, who have an interest and may be impacted by the decisions to be made by the Boards may submit a Request for Party Status by completing and submitting the form accompanying this notice titled **“FORM 1: Application to Obtain Party Status”**. The deadline for applications is no later than **5:00 PM EST on October 30, 2026**.

(ii) Submissions to the Hearing Registry

Parties may also provide information to be included in the Hearing Registry, which will be publicly available on the hearing web page. The Hearing Registry is intended to contain information relevant to the Board’s considerations. The Hearing Registry may also inform comments or opinions of parties in their Final Submissions.

(iii) Final Written Submissions

Parties with Standing to the hearing may provide written submissions for the Boards to consider in their decision-making. Submissions should be **limited to comments on the proposed extension**, and must be submitted by **November 17, 2026** to: info@nmrwb.ca. Audio recordings are also accepted.

(iv) Virtual / Phone Submissions

Parties are welcome to provide submission virtually or by phone. Please set up a time by

contacting our staff by phone or email ((819)-254-8667, info@nmrwb.ca). Additionally, the Boards may organize a specific call-in day if enough interest is expressed by parties.

Unless persuasive written reasons are provided for late filing, the Boards will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time. The Boards will make publicly available all written materials within one week of filing deadlines, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

To receive more information please contact the NMRWB:

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