

Resolutions of the EMRWB in relation to the Request for Decision to extend the application of the 2021-2026 Beluga Management Decisions until January 31, 2027



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**CONSEIL DE GESTION DES RESSOURCES
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WHEREAS on March 21, 2025, the NMRWB and the EMRWB received a Request for Decision

from the Anguvigaq (RNUK) requesting an extension of the application of the management system. This extension was said to be necessary to allow for continued research and the collection of Inuit knowledge, essential for the next set of beluga management decisions.

WHEREAS the EMRWB, together with the NMRWB, concluded that legitimate concerns had been raised by the Anguvigaq in their Request for Decisions, and as a result decided to launch a joint written public hearing for the purpose of gathering information and determining the positions of the parties prior to the Boards making a decision on whether to grant an extension of the management system for one-year until January 31, 2027.

WHEREAS the EMRWB and NMRWB joint written public hearing on this matter began on April 14, 2025 and was concluded on May 19, 2025.

WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the EMRWB and NMRWB, along with the observer appointed by the Nunavik Inuit for the purposes of the Cree Zone, met in-camera in order to review the information gathered and submitted through the hearing and to deliberate and reach a decision.

WHEREAS the hearing record is available on the hearing website at <https://nmrwb.ca/2025belugamanagementsystemextension-hearing/> and the Boards' analysis and reasons for decision on this matter are summarized in the letter addressed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, to which these resolutions will be enclosed.

WHEREAS after consideration of all the information and evidence before it, and in accordance with the terms of the EMRLCA, the EMRWB, with the inclusion of the Nunavik Inuit appointed observer, has rendered the foregoing initial decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble and the letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, to which these resolutions will be enclosed, form an integral part of these resolutions.

THAT the EMRWB hereby decides to extend the 2021-2026 Beluga Management System to January 31, 2027.

THAT this decision of the EMRWB is recorded through these Resolutions (Resolutions #2025-01A (EMRWB Joint Zone) and are to be read and implemented in conjunction with each other as well as the decisions set out on the companion Resolutions of the NMRWB #2025-06-03 (NMR), #2025-06-09 (Inuit Zone) and

#2025-06-10 (NMRWB Joint Zone).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the foregoing resolutions have been reviewed by members of the NMRWB and voted up as follows:

For the Joint Zone portion of the Cree/Inuit overlap area:

Moved by: Anne Marie Cabana

Seconded by: Peter Hale

In favour: 5 **Abstain:** 0 **Opposed:** 0 **Absent:** 1 **Vacant:** 0

Date of adoption: June 5, 2025.



Chairperson, Fred Tomatuk