



NOTICE OF JOINT WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING NUNAVIK MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD and EEYOU MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD

For consideration of the request by the Government of Canada for listing three whale species as "Special Concern" under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA):

Bottlenose Whale Bowhead Whale Killer Whale

Notice is herein provided that on October 29th, 2021, that the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board ("NMRWB") and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board ("EMRWB") (jointing "the Boards") are commencing a Joint Written Public Hearing to consider the proposed listing of three whale species (Bottlenose whale, Bowhead whale, Killer whale) as "Special Concern" status under the federal *Species at Risk Act* ("SARA") in accordance with their authority under s. 5.2.4(f) of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement ("NILCA"), s. 13.2.2 (f) of the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement ("EMRLCA"), and Part IV of the Agreement relating to the Cree/Inuit Offshore Overlapping Interest Areas.

The request from Government and additional supporting documents relevant to this joint written hearing are available for download from the NMRWB's website (nmrwb.ca/bottlenose-bowhead-killer-whale-written-hearing/) or by contacting the NMRWB or the EMRWB using the contact information below.

Note that the following Parties are already confirmed to have full party status for this joint written hearing:

- Makivik Corporation
- Government of Canada
- Government of Nunavut
- Any LNUK
- The RNUK
- Any Nunavik Inuk
- Cree Nation Government
- Eeyou Istchee Local Cree Bands
- Eeyou Istchee Local Cree Trappers' Associations
- Any individual Cree of the Eeyou Istchee
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Nunatsiavut Government

Applications for Party Status by individuals or organizations not listed above may be submitted to the NMRWB/EMRWB in writing **no later than November 5**th, **2021** for consideration by the Boards. The Application must contain information that shows how a right or interest of the applicant would be directly impacted by the decision to be made by either Board.

The NMRWB/EMRWB further issue herein an **Information Request** to all Parties with Standing, as well as any individuals and/or organizations that may have relevant reports, studies or information that would assist the Boards in this hearing. The deadline for filing relevant information is **November 9th**, **2021**.

Parties with Standing may submit **Written Questions** in relation to the request for decision to other parties through the Boards. The deadline for submitting written questions is **November 18th**, **2021.** To facilitate the ability of communities to ask questions of the requesting government or other parties, a conference call with any interested LNUKs and Local Cree Trapper's associations will be held **on or before November 18th**, to allow an additional format for these organizations to pose questions and to make submissions to the Boards.

Answers to written questions and unanswered questions from the conference call must be submitted by **November 26th**.

Final Written Submissions from Parties with Standing to the hearing must be submitted by December 7th, 2021.

Unless persuasive written reasons are provided for late filing, the Boards will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time. Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all written materials filed with the Boards will be publicly available through the website no later than 3 days after filing deadlines.

How to obtain more information:

To receive more information please contact the NMRWB or the EMRWB:

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