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

For Consideration of the Request Submitted by the Government of Canada Concerning the Listing of the Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) as "Threatened" Under the Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA)

Notice is herein provided on October 19th, 2022, that the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board ("NMRWB") and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board ("EMRWB") (hereafter referred to as "the Boards") will be conducting a Joint Written Public Hearing to consider approving the proposed change in designation of the Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) from a species of "Special Concern" to "Threatened" under the federal Species at Risk Act ("SARA") in accordance with their respective 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 Area.

Supporting documents relevant to this joint Written Public Hearing are available for download from the EMRWB's website (<u>https://www.emrwb.ca/public-hearing-short-eared-owl/</u>) 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 Public 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 2nd, 2022** 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 2nd**, **2022**.

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** 2^{nd} , 2022.

Answers to written questions must be submitted by November 9th, 2022.

Final Written Submissions from Parties with Standing to the hearing must be submitted to the Boards by **November 16th, 2022**.

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.

The Boards reserve the right to extend the filing timelines as provided herein where they see it as necessary to ensure procedural fairness and if requested by a party.

How to obtain more information:

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

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