



Community-based Monitoring Network Quarterly Update & Call for Expressions of Interest

Project Overview:

The Community-based Monitoring Network was launched in 2012 by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB). The Project brings together respected Nunavummiut harvesters to share their knowledge and observations about wildlife. Participants are trained to use specialized rugged tablets to record wildlife harvests and observations during on-the-land trips. When harvesters return to the community, trained local Data Clerks transfer the information into a database. Information recorded by the harvesters will be used to improve wildlife management practices in Nunavut.

Project Update:

The Community-based Monitoring Network continues to be a success in Kugaaruk as we move into the final months of data collection. Participating harvesters have been documenting their harvests and observations for three years, making a valuable contribution to the management of wildlife.

The project was launched in Baker Lake in April 2018. The information collected so far has been high of quality, and the time and attention to detail in entering the data records is clear. The NWMB is looking forward to seeing the Community-based Monitoring Network in Baker Lake grow.

The Community-based Monitoring Network launched in Taloyoak—the newest community on the network—in December 2018. The project launch meetings were well attended. Early indications are that the Community-based Monitoring Network will be off to a great start in Taloyoak!

Call for Expressions of Interest:

The NWMB has issued a Call for Expressions of Interest to all Nunavut Hunters and Trappers Organizations and to the Regional Wildlife Boards.

We hope that communities will see the benefits to becoming partners in the Community-based Monitoring Network. The efforts of participating communities and harvesters will contribute valuable information to improve wildlife management practices in Nunavut. Communities will have full access to their own data, which they can use to address local wildlife management issues. The project will create training opportunities for harvesters, and part-time employment for a data clerk in each of the communities. Harvester participation is voluntary, but the NWMB offers monthly and quarterly draws for Visa gift cards for participants, alongside hunting gear and accessories in recognition of ongoing data contributions.

If you would like to see your community participate in the Community-based Monitoring Network, we encourage you to approach your local Hunters and Trappers Organization about applying.

Applications are assessed by a Community Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the NWMB, Regional Wildlife Organizations, the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. In arriving at its decision, the committee will consider the social and economic circumstances of applicant communities e.g. population size and employment rates, reliance on country foods, and expressed concerns about wildlife management.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the 2017-2018 Community-based Monitoring Network Annual Report, please visit www.nwmb.com or contact us at:

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