Press Release:
Community-based Monitoring Network
Quarterly Update

Project Overview:

The Community-based Monitoring Network is an initiative of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) that relies upon skilled and accomplished Nunavummiut harvesters to record data on wildlife observations and harvests. Participating harvesters are trained to use rugged hand-held computers with custom-designed software to record wildlife sightings, harvests, and other environmental observations while on the land. When harvesters return from the land, Data Clerks in the community transfer the information into a database of knowledge owned and controlled by Nunavummiut.

The Community-based Monitoring Network was launched in Arviat, Cambridge Bay, and Sanikiluaq in 2011 and ran until the spring of 2015. The project then moved to Clyde River and Kugaaruk in the fall of 2015 and is still active in these communities. Participating harvesters are contributing valuable information that may be used to improve wildlife management practices in Nunavut by ensuring that decision making bodies have up-to-date information directly from people who are most active on the land.

Upcoming Call for Expressions of Interest

The NWMB is working towards identifying a new Nunavut community that is interested in participating in the Community-based Monitoring Network starting in April 2018. Communities that participate in the project can use the data collected to address wildlife management issues at a local scale, and individual harvesters will have full access to their own data. The project will create local training opportunities for harvesters, and one part-time data clerk position. The project also seeks to improve communication between communities, regions, government, and other wildlife management agencies, while promoting stewardship and cooperative management.

If you are interested in the project, please contact your local Hunters and Trappers Organization: they will be receiving an information package about the project in January. To obtain more information, make a data request, or to obtain a copy of the 2016-2017 Community-based Monitoring Network Annual Report, please visit www.nwmb.com or contact us:

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