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## **FOR INFORMATION: Federal Addition to the National Polar Bear Management Plan – The Path Forward**



**Presentation to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**

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# 1. Overview of the National Polar Bear Management Plan

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- The National Polar Bear Management Plan will include seven parts:
  - Part 1: Federal Addition
  - Parts 2-7: Provincial and Territorial documents
    - Inuvialuit Settlement Region (NWT/YK) (Part 2) and Ontario (Part 5) are complete
    - Nunavut (Part 3) is nearly complete
    - Manitoba (Part 4), Québec-EMR-NMR (Part 6) and Newfoundland and Labrador (Part 7) require additional work
- A draft of the Federal Addition has been completed. However, ECCC will not seek to finalize the federal addition until most (or all) provincial and territorial documents are complete



## 2. Conservation Designation and Status of Management Plans or Recovery Strategies in Canadian jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Legislation	Designation	Year	Status
Newfoundland & Labrador	<i>Endangered Species Act</i>	Vulnerable*	2002	In progress
Manitoba	<i>Endangered Species Act</i>	Threatened	2008	In progress
Ontario	<i>Endangered Species Act, 2007</i>	Threatened	2009	Complete
Québec	<i>Loi sur les Espèces Menacées ou Vulnérable</i>	Vulnérable*	2009	In progress
Nunavut	<i>Nunavut Wildlife Act</i>	No listing	–	In progress
Northwest Territories	<i>Species at Risk (NWT) Act</i>	Special Concern	2014	Complete (ISR joint co-management plan)
Yukon	<i>Yukon Wildlife Act</i>	No listing	–	



### 3. Management Authority

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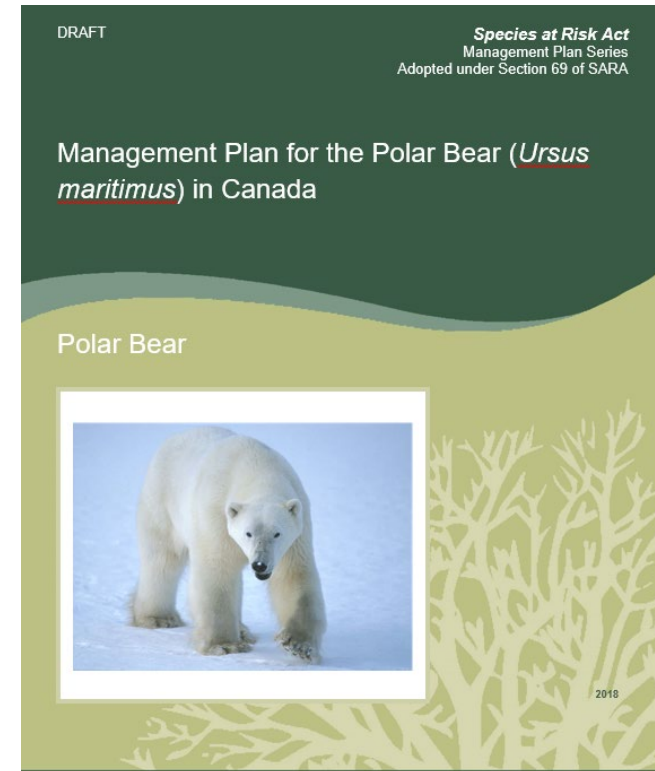
- The Federal Addition recognizes that polar bear management is a shared responsibility of provincial/territorial governments and Wildlife Management Boards
- To address this, the Federal Addition limits federal scope to management responsibilities under federal jurisdiction and refers readers to the provincial and territorial documents for issues under their authority



## 4. Federal Addition Contents

### Table of Contents

1. COSEWIC Species Assessment
2. Species Status
3. Species Information
4. Threats
5. Management Objective
6. Broad Strategies and Management Actions
7. Measuring Progress
8. References



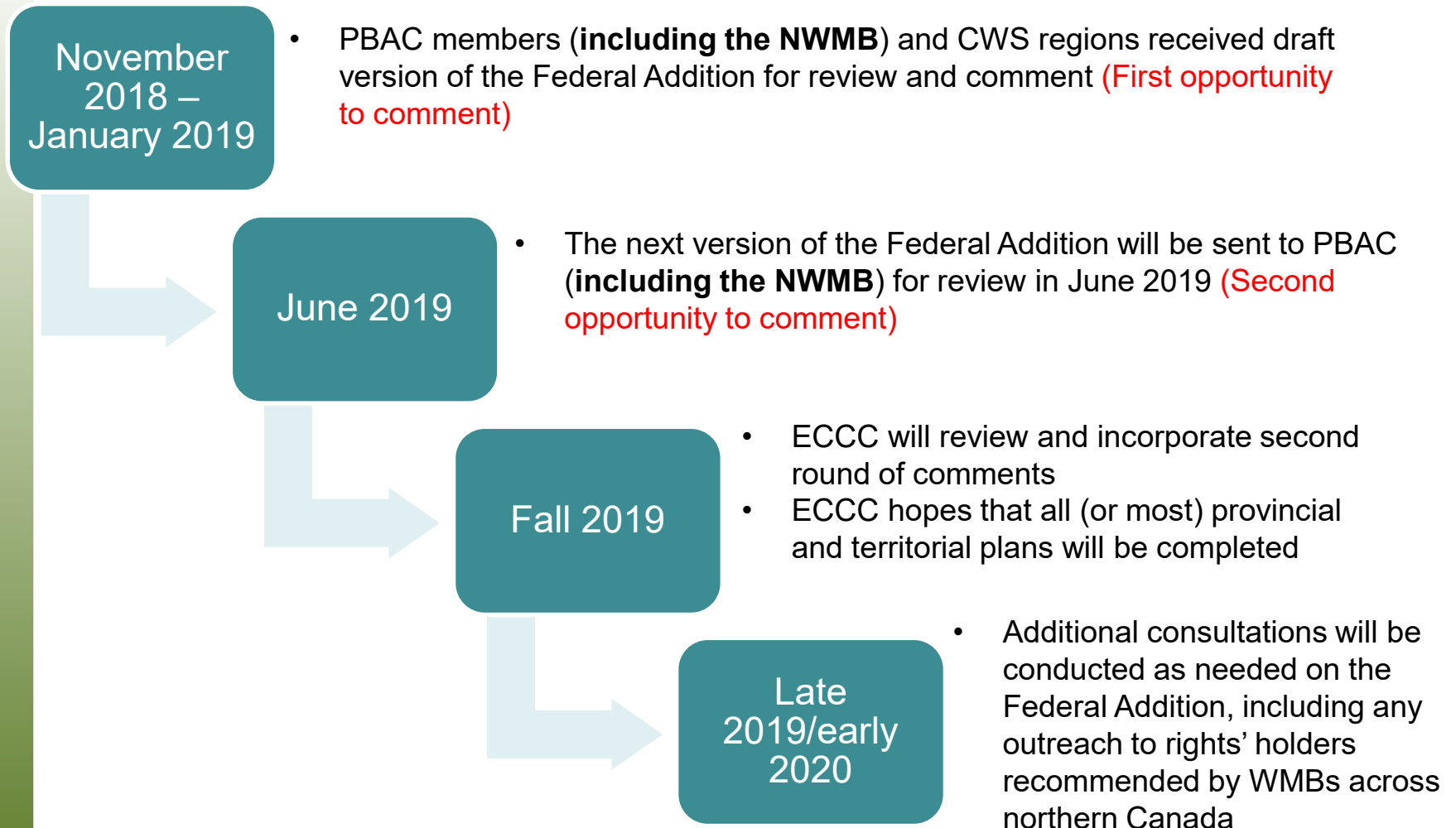
## 5. Coordination and Cooperation with Co-Management Partners

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- Organizations that are part of Canada's Polar Bear Administrative Committee (PBAC), including the Government of Nunavut, NWMB and NTI, were invited to work in cooperation with ECCC to develop a draft of the Federal Addition by joining a Working Group.
- The resulting draft document was sent for review by PBAC members and Canadian Wildlife Service regions in November 2018
- PBAC members and CWS jurisdictions will have another opportunity to provide feedback on a revised Federal Addition in June 2019



## 6. Anticipated Timeline:



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## 6. Anticipated Timeline (continued):

Early-mid  
2020

- ECCC will review and incorporate comments received during final consultations
- National Polar Bear Management Plan posted as “Proposed” document on SAR Public Registry for 60-day public comment period (**Final opportunity to comment**)



Mid-late 2020

- Necessary revisions will be made
- National Plan brought before Wildlife Management Boards (**including the NWMB**) for decision



Late  
2020/early  
2021

- If approved, National Polar Bear Management Plan posted as a Final document on the SAR Public Registry

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# 7. Rights Holder Consultation and Board Approval Process

Board/Indigenous Organization	Community-level consultation advised?	Recommended Board Process for Approval		
		Regular meeting	Written public hearing	In-person public hearing
Inuvialuit Game Council	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
ISR-WMAC North Slope	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
ISR – WMAC NWT				
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board				
Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board	No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee (Quebec)	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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- ECCC staff will work with NWMB staff to determine if additional consultation with rights holders is advised in Nunavut and what process the NWMB prefers to follow when the National Plan is presented for Decision



# Thank you

- Questions?

