

SUBMISSION TO THE

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

FOR

Information:

Decision: X

Issue: CWS is proposing changes to the allowable bag and possession limits in Nunavut's Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations for 2020-2021 to make Nunavut regulations the same as nearby provinces. We are requesting NWMB approval of the proposed changes.

Background:

(a) The Canadian Wildlife Service is proposing several minor changes to the allowable bag and possession limits in Nunavut's Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations for 2020-2021;

(b) CWS is requesting NWMB approval of the proposed changes;

(c) CWS is proposing the following changes to the Migratory Game Birds Hunting Regulations:

1. It is proposed to increase the possession limits for non-residents of Canada to three times the daily bag limit – 24 ducks, 15 Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant in aggregate and 30 Snipe. The species-specific possession limit for White-fronted geese would be increased to 6 for non-residents. This will increase limit consistency with surrounding Provinces in Canada such as Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.
2. the daily bag limit of Snow Geese and Ross's Geese in the portion of the islands and waters of James Bay that are south of 55°N latitude is currently restricted to 20, whereas elsewhere in the Territory and adjoining jurisdictions in Ontario and Manitoba the limit is 50. It is proposed to remove this restriction and allow a daily bag limit of 50 Snow and Ross Geese across Nunavut.

The proposed changes to possession limits for non-residents of Canada are not expected to lead to a higher harvest of Migratory Game Birds in Nunavut and Canadian resident hunters already are not limited in how many of these species they can be in possession of. There are therefore no anticipated conservation concerns or implications associated with the changes in possession limits for these species.

The proposed increase in daily bag limit for Snow and Ross geese in James Bay would provide additional harvest opportunity on two overabundant species, whose large population are having a negative impact on habitats and other species in Nunavut. This change would also bring consistency with the regulations in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations are set for a period of two years. Therefore, the proposed changes would be in place for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 hunting seasons.

The proposed changes will not affect Inuit harvesting rights.

(d) We anticipate that it will take 10 minutes to present the issue (excluding questions/discussion).

Consultation:

(a) CWS consulted with 27 organizations from across Nunavut by mail in winter 2017 / spring 2018. The organizations were sent a package that included the proposed changes and a recommendation form that they could send back to us with comments and whether they support the proposal or not. The package (attached) was available in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and English. We are also consulting with the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board and Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board. **We initially planned to make those proposals for the 2018-19 hunting season but decided to delay to allow more time for consultations ;**

(b) List of the organizations consulted in Nunavut:

Kitikmeot	BATHURST INLET	Burnside Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	CAMBRIDGE BAY	Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	GJOA HAVEN	Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	KUGAARUK	Kurairojuark Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	KUGLUKTUK	Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	TALOYOAK	Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association
Kitikmeot	UMINGMAKTOK	Omingmaktok Hunters and Trappers Association
Kivalliq	ARVIAT	Arviat Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	BAKER LAKE	Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	CHESTERFIELD INLET	Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	CORAL HARBOUR	Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	RANKIN INLET	Aqiggiaq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	REPULSE BAY	Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Kivalliq	WHALE COVE	Issatik Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	CAPE DORSET	Aiviq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	CLYDE RIVER	Nangmautaq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	GRISE FIORD	Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	HALL BEACH	Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	IGLOOLIK	Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	IQUALUIT	Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	IQUALUIT	GN Department of Environment
Qikiqtaalq	IQUALUIT	Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Qikiqtaalq	KIMMIRUT	Mayukalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	PANGNIRTUNG	Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	POND INLET	Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	RESOLUTE BAY	Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Organization
Qikiqtaalq	SANIKILUAQ	Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Organization

(b) CWS received 3 recommendation forms back: Two were in support and one was left blank. We did not receive any comments, negative or positive, on our proposal. Recommendation forms received are attached to the package below.

Community	Support changes	Does not support changes	Blank	Comments
Cambridge Bay – Ekaluktutiak HTA	X			
Repulse Bay – Arvik HTO	X			
Kugluktuk – Kugluktuk HTA			X	'As this does not affect us here in Kugluktuk, our Chairperson has left the section blank'

Recommendation:

No issues were raised during the consultation

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