



Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

Information: X

Decision:

Issue: Development of the management plan for the Wolverine in Canada

Background:

- Wolverine was assessed at a national level by COSEWIC as special concern in 2014
- It was listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act (SARA)* as special concern in 2018
- Species of special concern do not receive protections or prohibitions under the *SARA*
- A management plan must be developed for species listed as special concern
- Management plans outline the threats to the species and propose conservation actions to prevent further decline of the species
- The management plan will not limit harvest of Wolverine and will not affect Inuit rights
- ECCC has drafted the management plan for Wolverine in Canada and will be consulting on the draft before bringing the document to NWMB for decision

Consultations:

- ECCC hosted 9 virtual workshops on sections of the management plan with Indigenous partners across all three territories
 - A total of 83 participants came to at least one workshop
- Hunter and Trapper Organizations, Regional Inuit Associations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., NWMB board staff, and communities in Nunavut were invited to participate in these virtual workshops
 - Arviq HTO, Clyde River HTO, Ekaluktutiak HTO, Kugluktuk HTO, Nangmoutaq HTO, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., and Nunavut Wildlife Management Board staff attended at least one meeting
- ECCC presented to each of the Regional Wildlife Boards on the development of the wolverine management plan at their annual AGMs in 2022 and 2023
- ECCC will circulate the draft management plan for review and input in spring 2024 to HTOs, Regional Inuit Associations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., NWMB board staff, and communities

Next Steps:

- Comments from communities and organizations will be incorporated
- ECCC will circulate the draft for a final review and support prior to proposed posting

- The proposed document will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry for a 60 day public comment period
- Once public comments have been addressed, ECCC will bring the proposed final document to NWMB for decision as per the *Nunavut Agreement* s.5.2.34(d,i) and 5.3.16-5.3.23

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