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NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Information: **Decision: X**

Revisions to NWMB policies governing the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Research Fund and the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund

Issue

The NWMB created the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Research Fund (IQRF) and the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund (NWSF) to fund community-based wildlife research projects, including projects that gather Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or Inuit knowledge to assist in the management of Nunavut's wildlife. Funding is mostly allocated to Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, community-based Inuit organizations, and residents of Nunavut. The funds are administered following NWMB's internal funding policies and guidelines, which were last updated in 2019.

NWMB staff are proposing that the Board review and update these policies, particularly in the following areas:

- An adjustment to the maximum amount of money available per project
- A change from no deadlines to a bi-annual call for applications
- Discontinue the request for interim financial and project reports
- Making HTO support a mandatory requirement

The current version of the NWSF and IQRF policies are attached.