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*“Working together in harmony
to achieve a common purpose.”*

Vision Statement:

Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimatugangit and scientific knowledge.

Mission Statement:

The NWMB mission is to conserve wildlife (and wildlife habitat) for the long-term benefit of all Nunavut residents while fully respecting Inuit harvesting rights and priorities.

The NWMB strives to enable and protect the beneficial utilization of wildlife for and by the beneficiaries of *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* as well as other residents of the Nunavut Settlement Area and to manage wildlife consistent with the principles of conservation, sustainability and eco-systemic integrity.

The NWMB co-ordinates its functions and activities with Regional Wildlife Organizations and the Hunters and Trappers Organizations to ensure communication and co-operation with the many communities of Nunavut.

The NWMB seeks to identify, develop and bring to bear the best information and expertise in the formulation of its decisions. The Board recognizes the role and power of various sources of information and expertise, including, but not limited to, resource users, community elders, traditional knowledge and modern science.

The NWMB operates in an open forum, informing the public and providing to the public input and participation.

Board Members and Committees

MEMBERS		4-YEAR TERMS
		TERM ENDS
Manasie Audlakiak	Acting Chairperson	May 09, 2015
Raymond Ningeocheak	Member	May 04, 2015
Harry Flaherty	Member	February 16, 2014
Peter Kusugak	Member	February 10, 2014
Peter Qayutinuak Sr.	Member	September 30, 2013
Winston Fillatre	Member	May 02, 2016
Colin Adjun	Member	September 22, 2015
Canadian Wildlife Service Nominee	Member	Vacant
	Chairperson	Vacant

MAKIVIK ALTERNATE APPOINTEES*
Johnny Peters
Willie Annanack

*Section 40.2.14 of the NLCA states that two Makivik members replace two NWMB members appointed by Designated Inuit Organizations, for decisions of the NWMB that apply to activities that take place in the areas of Equal Use of Occupancy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Peter Kusugak	Chairperson
Manasie Audlakiak	Member
Raymond Ningeocheak	Member
Peter Qayutinuak Sr.	Member

NWMB ADVISORS

Michael d'Eça, Legal Advisor

Ray Andrews, Fisheries Advisor and Advisory Committee Chair

NWMB AUDITOR

Mackay Landau, Chartered Accountants

NWMB STAFF

Jim Noble	Executive Director
Rebecca Jeppesen	Director of Wildlife Management
Anna Magera	Wildlife Management Biologist
Sarah Spencer	Wildlife Management Biologist
Peter Kydd	Wildlife Management Biologist
Tom Demcheson	Acting Director of Finance and Administration
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter/Translator
Tina Rose	Executive Secretary
Taqialoo Sataa	Secretary/Receptionist



Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS

- Meeting No. RM002-2012, June 11, 2012
- Meeting No. RM003-2012, September 10, 2012
- Meeting No. RM004-2012, December 04, 2012
- Meeting No. RM001-2013, March 11, 2013



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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The proposed listing of Atlantic cod (Arctic Lakes population) as a species of special concern under the federal Species at Risk Act; Written hearing, May 7, 2012.
- Proposed shrimp fishery management changes for *Pandalus Borealis* and *Pandalus Montagui* in Shrimp Fishing Areas 2, 3 and 4; Oral hearing, June 12-13, 2012.
- Proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area, including the establishment of total allowable harvests, basic needs levels and non-quota limitations; Oral hearing, July 24-26, 2012.
- Total allowable harvest of Western Hudson Bay polar bear sub-population; Written hearing, July 31, 2012.
- Establishment of basic needs level for beluga, narwhal and walrus; Oral hearing, September 11-12, 2012.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- In Camera – 7 meetings
- Internal In Camera – 10 meetings

STUDIES FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board approved funding for the following projects:

Gjoa Haven and Kugluktuk community muskox survey and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit study (Preliminary Studies Funding)	\$7,500
Pangnirtung Cumberland Sound beluga study	\$25,000



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Message from the Chairperson

The theme for this year's annual report is the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principle of Piliqatigiingniq, which means that people must work together in harmony to achieve a common purpose. This theme is particularly relevant to the NWMB as we act as the primary decision-making agency within Nunavut's wildlife co-management system. Co-management refers to a system of partnerships in which the partners – Inuit, the NWMB and Government – work cooperatively to make decisions, provide recommendations and information, and conduct and commission research. As the Acting Chairperson of the NWMB, I am extremely proud of the work of our members, our co-management partners, and our staff. I would like to provide you with the highlights of our activities and achievements in 2012-2013.

During the fiscal year, the Board held 4 Regular Meetings, 7 In-Camera Meetings, 10 Internal In-Camera Meetings, and 5 Public Hearings: (i) the proposed listing of Atlantic cod (Arctic Lakes population) as a species of special concern under the federal Species at Risk Act; (ii) the proposed shrimp fishery management changes for *Pandalus Borealis* and *Pandalus Montagu* in Shrimp Fishing Areas 2, 3 and 4; (iii) the proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area, including the establishment of total allowable harvests, basic needs levels and non-quota limitations; (iv) the establishment of a total allowable harvest of Western Hudson Bay polar bear sub-population; and (v) the establishment of basic needs level for beluga, narwhal and walrus. In addition, NWMB staff attended the three Regional Wildlife Organizations' annual general meetings and various co-management and scientific meetings on a wide diversity of Nunavut's wildlife.

Much progress was made during the 2012-2013 year on the drafting/redrafting of policy manuals. The Board approved the revised Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries. The Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund policy and funding guide were revised to align the evaluation criteria with the goals of the program. The Board adopted the revised Governance Manual and implemented the revised conservation education policy which established an in-house program to undertake initiatives that are directly related to the NWMB's roles and responsibilities as per the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

Utilizing the newly revised Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries, the Board made decisions and recommendations to Fisheries and Oceans Canada to allocate shrimp and turbot to eligible fishing entities for 2013-2017. However, the Minister revised the decision to grant the allocations for a three-year period as opposed to the five years recommendation by NWMB.

The NWMB continued to build upon its work pertaining to the inclusion of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in wildlife management and in the Board's day to day operations. In addition, the NWMB has been working to populate the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit library and database, and has completed its staffing process to recruit a full-time Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Coordinator.

Work continued in 2012-2013 on the *Community-Based Monitoring Network Pilot Study*. The Pilot Study relies upon accomplished harvesters to record wildlife observations and to collect data on hand-held electronic devices for use by the NWMB, its co-management partners, and the participating communities in various wildlife management applications. A workshop was held in March 2013 to evaluate the project; all attendees expressed a strong desire to see the study

continue and cited ways in which data collected from the program will benefit communities and co-management partners in wildlife management. As a result, the NWMB decided to extend the pilot study for an additional year while the NWMB works with its co-management partners to identify a collaborative approach to extend and expand the monitoring network.

The Board allocated \$759,350 of Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust funding towards government-led wildlife research projects for the 2012-2013 year. The Board approved 11 single-year research projects and 2 multi-year research projects. The NWMB also approved \$32,500 in funding from the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund for three community-based research projects.

When the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's 2012/2013 Annual Report is published, it will be distributed to all wildlife partners including: the community Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Federal and Territorial governments as well as the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The report will also be distributed to all Nunavut schools and community libraries. The NWMB's annual report is published in English, Inuktitut and Innuinaqtun. The section of the annual report covering "NWMB Implementation Activities" provides the reader with extensive details of the activities and progress. Many activities are "works in progress." The report also contains audited financial statements for both the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust including a listing of individual research projects.

Sincerely,

Manasie Audlakiak

A/Chairperson

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board



NWMB Implementation Activities

a) Pursuant to the directions set out in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Article 5*, continue to make appropriate decisions with respect to maintaining, establishing, modifying or removing restrictions on wildlife harvesting in the Nunavut Settlement Area;

- During 2012 the Board made numerous decisions on the use of polar bear tag credits for various communities pursuant to the Polar Bear Memoranda of Understanding.
- In April 2012 the Board was asked to make a decision on the establishment of a total allowable harvest for South Hampton Island caribou and on the implementation of a non-quota limitation to restrict the harvest of mature bulls and cow/calf pairs. Due to the urgency of the issue the Minister of Environment (Nunavut) was requested to make an interim decision.
- In June 2012, the Board approved the revised *NWMB Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries*.
- In August 2012, following a written hearing process, the Board set the regional total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation to 24 animals for a three-year period. The total allowable harvest will be formally reviewed following the 2014-2015 harvest season or at such a time as new relevant information becomes available.
- In August 2012, the Board made 11 decisions and recommendations regarding narwhal management in Nunavut, including levels of total allowable harvest in conjunction with an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.



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- In September 2012, the Board held a decision-making session on changes to shrimp management in the North (Shrimp Fishing Areas 2, 3, and 4) as proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Minister accepted the Board's decisions and recommendations, but requested that Nunavut and Nunavik work together towards establishing a sharing arrangement for newly formed management units. A collaborative process was well underway by the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
 - In December 2012 the NWMB made a decision regarding the establishment of the basic needs levels for beluga, narwhal and walrus in the Nunavut Settlement Area as per S. 5.6.25 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. As of fiscal year end, the Minister's response, for which an extension had been granted, had not been received by the NWMB.
 - In March 2013, the NWMB considered a request from the Government of Nunavut to increase the total allowable harvest for Kivalliq musk-oxen in management zone MX/17 to 90 animals. The decision was with the Minister for consideration at fiscal year end.
- b) Continue to implement the *Community-Based Monitoring Network Pilot Study*, relying upon harvesters recognized by their communities as highly-skilled and accomplished hunters to record wildlife observations and catch data on hand-held electronic devices while out on the land;
- IMG-Golder, under the direction of the NWMB, continued to manage the pilot study and provided support to the participating harvesters and data clerks.

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- Mid-point community meetings were held in June and July 2012 in the three participating communities, Arviat, Cambridge Bay, and Sanikiluaq. The Board contracted IMG-Golder to produce an interim report on the pilot study following the mid-point community meetings.
 - Wrap-up meetings were held in each community in November and December 2012. At fiscal year end, IMG-Golder was nearing completion of a contractor's report which will summarize all aspects of the pilot study including an assessment of the data collected. Preliminary results suggest that the data will be valuable in helping communities, the NWMB, and co-management partners to manage Nunavut's wildlife responsibly.
 - A workshop was held in March 2013 to work towards a collaborative approach to expand the program. All attendees expressed a strong desire to see this project continue and cited ways in which data collected from this program would benefit wildlife management.
 - Data collection continued to occur in all three communities. As of the end of March 2013, over 8,800 harvests and over 4,500 wildlife observations (in addition to a herd of an estimated 90,000 caribou) were recorded.
 - To maintain momentum with the project, the NWMB decided to continue data collection beyond the 1-year pilot study period.
- c) Continue to conduct procedurally fair public hearings into issues of significant economic, social and/or cultural importance that require NWMB decisions;
- The NWMB decided to hold a written hearing for the total allowable harvest for the Western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation in August 2012 in response to a request for decision from the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment.
 - In June 2012 the NWMB considered the proposed listing of Atlantic cod (Arctic Lakes population) as a species of special concern under the Species at Risk Act in response to a request for decision from Environment Canada.
 - The NWMB held a public hearing in June 2012 on changes to shrimp management as proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The NWMB and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board made independent initial decisions on the matter in fall 2012. The two Boards elected to coordinate a joint-reconsideration written hearing regarding the quotas in the Nunavut Settlement Area and the Nunavik Marine Region.
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- PHOTO: FOTOLIA
- In July 2012, the NWMB held a public hearing in Iqaluit on an *"Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area."* Discussion included the establishment of total allowable harvests and non-quota limitations, as proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
 - In August 2012, the NWMB held a public hearing in Iqaluit to consider the establishment of basic needs levels for beluga, walrus, and narwhal as per the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* section 5.6.25.
 - The NWMB decided in March 2013 to organize a written hearing to consider the High Arctic Muskox Management Plan as proposed by the Government of Nunavut.



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d) Continue to equitably allocate Nunavut's share of commercial shrimp, turbot, and other marine resources among eligible fishers, pursuant to the *Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries*;

- A call for applications for Nunavut shrimp (outside the Nunavut Settlement Area) and turbot allocations was issued for 2013-2017.
- The application process for Nunavut shrimp allocations within the Nunavut Settlement Area was temporarily delayed pending the decision on proposed changes to shrimp management in the North.

- The Board's decisions and recommendations for commercial marine fisheries allocations for 2013-2017 were sent to the Minister in December 2012. The Board's position was sanctioned by the Minister in February 2013 regarding all allocations within the Nunavut Settlement Area; however, the Minister made the decision to grant the allocations outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area for a three-year period as opposed to the five years recommended by the NWMB.

e) Continue to develop and implement the NWMB's *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Program*;

- Aarluk Consulting coordinated with the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Subcommittee from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada to access more than 2,000 documents for inclusion in the library/database by the end of April 2012. At fiscal year end, data had been entered for 401 priority references.
- Aarluk Consulting and NWMB staff engaged in discussions regarding the inclusion of relevant entries from the Hudson Bay Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Database into the NWMB's library and database.
- Aarluk Consulting discussed permissions, and terms of access and distribution regarding the Arctic College's Igloodik Traditional Knowledge Database and the Parks Canada Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Database for inclusion in the NWMB's library.
- The Board completed its screening process for the full-time position of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Coordinator by fiscal year end. The successful candidate is expected to start in the position early in 2013-2014.



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f) Make appropriate decisions with respect to the approval of plans for the management and/or protection of particular wildlife or wildlife habitats in the Nunavut Settlement Area;

- In August 2012, the Board approved the *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal in the Nunavut Settlement Area* as proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. This decision was accepted by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- In January 2013 the NWMB forwarded its decision to approve a proposed management plan for fin whales (Atlantic population) to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. No response was received from the Minister within 60 days so therefore the NWMB's decision was deemed to have been accepted.
- In January 2013, the Board sent its decision to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to approve a total of 45 walrus sports hunts for 2013. The decision was accepted by the Minister in March.
- At its March 2013 Regular Meeting the NWMB made a decision concerning a request from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to approve the *Integrated Fishery Management Plan for the Greenland Halibut (Turbot) NAFO Subarea O Fishery*.

g) Continue to evaluate and fund government and non-government research proposals through the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust and the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund;

- In June 2012, the NWMB approved changes to the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund policy and funding guide to align the evaluation criteria with the goals of the Studies Fund.

- Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund contribution agreements were established with Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk, and Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organizations for a total of \$32,500.
- Contribution agreements were established with Environment Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada for a total of \$759,350 in Research Trust funding for 2012-2013, including two prior multi-year commitments.
- A call for 2012-2013 Research Trust and Studies Fund proposals was issued in September 2012. Wildlife staff reviewed 34 Research Trust proposals in January 2013. In March, the NWMB approved a total of \$979,000 in funding for 21 Research Trust projects.



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- The Board received five Studies Fund applications, and approved \$60,000 in funding for two projects for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- h) Continue to ensure that wildlife management and research information, as well as results from research projects funded by the NWMB, are made available to the public;
- The NWMB's revised website went live in April 2012.

- In April 2012 Noreca Consulting delivered a new online library system for the Nunavut Wildlife Resources Coalition Centre collection to allow it to co-exist with the future Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit collection, and be accessible via the NWMB's revised website.
 - A searchable NWMB decisions database is under active development, and will be accessible through the NWMB's website.
 - Regular meeting material has been posted to the website, and is available to the public in advance of the Board's quarterly meetings. Archived regular meeting material has also been transferred to the site to allow users access to documents related to issues addressed at past meetings.
 - Public hearing materials/notices – including hearing purpose and rules, agendas, background documents, relevant information, and submissions – were made publicly available and accessible on the NWMB's new website.
- i) Continue to participate in relevant inter-jurisdictional and international consultations on shared wildlife stocks or populations, and to work with administrative agencies and Aboriginal Peoples from other land claims areas concerning shared wildlife stocks or populations;



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- In April 2012 the Board resolved to re-engage as a member of the Polar Bear Administrative Committee.
- Staff attended the Arctic Symposium on Wildlife Management and Trade in June 2012, and provided a presentation on the role and responsibilities of the NWMB in Nunavut's wildlife co-management system.
- In August 2012, staff attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management to discuss community input from consultations and decide on a way forward to complete the Bluenose and Cape Bathurst Caribou Management Plan. A draft of this management plan was circulated for comment in March 2013.
- NWMB representatives attended the Twelfth Meeting of the Canada/Greenland Joint Commission on the Conservation and Management of Narwhal and Beluga in August in Iqaluit.
- NWMB staff attended the 2012 Yukon North Slope Conference in October 2012.
- Wildlife section staff participated in regular teleconferences of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Aboriginal Working Group, particularly in regard to the United States' proposed up-listing of polar bear at the March 2013 Conference of the Parties. The Board provided funding for Canadian participation at the conference in order to ensure factual communications with respect to polar bear management and to promote, strengthen, and support the polar bear management system within Nunavut.

- NWMB sent representatives to attend the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board Meeting #74 in Winnipeg in November, 2012.
- j) Continue to provide adequate funding to the Regional Wildlife Organizations and Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
- The NWMB continued to provide timely quarterly payments during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- k) Continue to work closely with Government and Inuit in ensuring that new and amended legislation and policy affecting Nunavut wildlife recognizes and respects land claims agreements and the jurisdictions of land claims bodies, and continue implementing relevant aspects of that legislation and policy;
- The Board formally approved the NWMB's Governance Manual in June 2012. A copy of the manual was promptly distributed to co-managers for reference.
 - Through the Canada-Nunavut Cooperation Committee, the NWMB has been in discussions with senior representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Government of Nunavut Fisheries and Sealing Division, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated regarding the need for Nunavut Fisheries Regulations. After multiple meetings and conference calls in 2012-2013 the parties feel that they have agreed on a process to follow, which is slated to begin in 2013-2014.
- l) Continue to implement the Fisheries and Oceans–Environment Canada–NWMB Memorandum of Understanding to Harmonize the Designation of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the listing of Wildlife Species at Risk under the Species at Risk Act;
- NWMB staff reviewed and provided feedback on Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada reports for 13 species.
 - The Board was informed of Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada's status assessment of the grizzly bear and the buff-breasted sandpiper as species of special concern under the *Species At Risk Act* during Regular Meeting No. 003-2012 (September 2012).
 - The NWMB held a written hearing on the proposed listing of Atlantic cod (Arctic Lakes population) and received no objections to following this abridged listing process. No submissions were received by the hearing deadline. A letter was sent to the Minister of the Environment with the Board's September 2012 decision.
- m) Continue to pursue and implement conservation education initiatives;
- The Board implemented a revised policy for conservation education, adopted in March 2012, to establish an in-house program to undertake initiatives that are directly related to the NWMB's roles and responsibilities as per the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.
 - The Board approved plans for the development of a coloring book, a calendar, posters, and public service announcements. The Board also continued to assist with development of educational books for use by school students.



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n) Continue to advance the work of the Nunavut Marine Council, in collaboration with the other Council members; and

- In February 2013 the NWMB joined the Nunavut Water Board, the Nunavut Planning Commission, and the Nunavut Impact Review Board in Yellowknife for a joint workshop, where staff discussed the best ways to move forward with the Nunavut Marine Council; these discussions are ongoing.

o) Continue to work in cooperation with Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., government departments, and with other Nunavut institutions of public government, concerning land and resource management issues affecting Nunavut.

- Board staff participated in many conference calls, meetings and workshops with the co-management partners on issues including exploratory fisheries, turbot management zones in Cumberland Sound, acoustic disturbances in Cumberland Sound, narwhal issues, offshore oil and gas development, and various mining proposal issues.



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- Board members and staff also participated in the Regional Wildlife Organizations' Annual General Meetings, joint Institutions of Public Government workshop in Yellowknife, the Advisory Committee for the Cooperation on Wildlife Management (Western NWT/Nunavut) and the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Mammal Cooperation Committee.



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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
Iqaluit, Nunavut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2013, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Board's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluation of the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board as at March 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Iqaluit, Nunavut CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, June 13, 2013

Statement of Operations — for the year ended March 31, 2013

	Budget 2013 (Unaudited)	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
REVENUES			
Government of Canada	\$ 8,899,716	\$ 8,899,716	\$ 8,967,816
Other	0	25,183	30,313
	<u>\$ 8,899,716</u>	<u>\$ 8,924,899</u>	<u>\$ 8,998,129</u>
EXPENSES			
Board costs	330,000	334,382	319,735
Communications	45,000	38,707	42,349
Community-based monitoring network	1,021,194	875,645	545,454
Contracted services	490,000	485,935	227,947
Depreciation	160,000	123,356	88,410
Hearings	326,123	326,451	59,776
Insurance	27,000	27,400	18,696
Inuit Qaujimagajatuqangit development	300,000	178,883	208,215
NWMB studies fund	35,000	32,500	0
Office	65,000	77,334	47,091
Office rent	295,000	296,840	184,793
Professional fees	165,000	173,768	169,194
Publications and advertising	105,000	109,272	66,357
Staff operational meetings and travel	95,000	117,154	53,305
Wages and benefits	1,459,077	1,429,359	1,385,531
Wildlife community-based research	0	0	80,219
Wildlife conservation education	175,000	185,600	117,400
Workshops and meetings	183,000	183,021	162,545
	<u>5,276,394</u>	<u>4,995,607</u>	<u>3,777,017</u>
DISTRIBUTIONS TO RWOs AND HTOs	<u>4,465,776</u>	<u>4,465,776</u>	<u>4,378,658</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>9,742,170</u>	<u>9,461,383</u>	<u>8,155,675</u>
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>\$ (842,454)</u>	<u>\$ (536,484)</u>	<u>\$ 842,454</u>

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances – for the year ended March 31, 2013

	General Fund		Invested in Equipment		Total	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
BALANCE, OPENING	\$ 1,195,056	\$ 1,043,036	\$ 882,700	\$ 192,266	\$ 2,077,756	\$ 1,235,302
Excess revenues (expenses)	(536,484)	842,454	0	0	(536,484)	842,454
Depreciation	123,356	88,410	(123,356)	(88,410)	0	0
Loss on disposal of equipment	3,692	0	(3,692)	0	0	0
Purchase of equipment	<u>(155,995)</u>	<u>(778,844)</u>	<u>155,995</u>	<u>778,844</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE, CLOSING	<u>\$ 629,625</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,056</u>	<u>\$ 911,647</u>	<u>\$ 882,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,541,272</u>	<u>\$ 2,077,756</u>

Statement of Financial Position – as at March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
	ASSETS	
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 1,044,200	\$ 1,252,686
Accounts receivable	76,917	95,285
Prepaid expenses	10,949	11,851
	<u>1,132,066</u>	<u>1,359,822</u>
EQUIPMENT (Notes 2 and 4)	<u>911,647</u>	<u>882,700</u>
	<u>\$ 2,043,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,522</u>
	LIABILITIES	
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 502,441</u>	<u>\$ 164,766</u>
	NET ASSETS	
INVESTED IN EQUIPMENT	911,647	882,700
GENERAL FUND	<u>629,625</u>	<u>1,195,056</u>
	<u>1,541,272</u>	<u>2,077,756</u>
	<u>\$ 2,043,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,522</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Chair

Executive Director

Statement of Cash Flows — for the year ended March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess revenues (expenses)	\$ (536,484)	\$ 842,454
Items not requiring cash:		
Depreciation	123,356	88,410
Loss on disposal of equipment	<u>3,692</u>	<u>0</u>
	(409,436)	930,864
Cash provided by (used for) changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	18,368	(38,133)
Prepaid expenses	902	(1,484)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>337,675</u>	<u>(166,327)</u>
	(52,491)	724,920
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment	<u>(155,995)</u>	<u>(778,844)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH	<u>(208,486)</u>	<u>(53,924)</u>
CASH, OPENING	<u>1,252,686</u>	<u>1,306,610</u>
CASH, CLOSING	<u><u>\$ 1,044,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,252,686</u></u>

1. NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (Board) is an institution of public government established pursuant to *An Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, also known as the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. The Board is the main instrument of wildlife management and the main regulator of access to wildlife in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). In addition, the Board identifies research requirements, funds research and carries out research in order to help maintain an effective system of wildlife management in the NSA. The Board also exercises an extensive advisory authority in the marine environment adjacent to the NSA.

The Board is exempt from income taxes under Sec. 149(1)(l) of the *Income Tax Act*.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the valuation of accounts receivable, and the estimated useful life of equipment. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Revenue Recognition

The deferral method of revenue recognition is followed. Revenue is recognized in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

(c) Financial Instruments

The Board's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial instruments are reported at their fair values on the statement of financial position. The fair values are the same as the carrying values due to their short-term nature.

It is management's opinion that the Board is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments unless otherwise noted.

(d) Equipment

Equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided annually at rates calculated to depreciate the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer hardware	30% declining balance
Computer software	100% declining balance
Translating equipment	20% declining balance
Office equipment	20% declining balance
Automotive equipment	30% declining balance
Furniture and fixtures	20% declining balance
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line over the term of the lease

One half of annual depreciation is recorded in the year of acquisition.

3. IMPACT OF THE CHANGE IN THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The organization elected to apply the Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations, Part III of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

These financial statements are the first financial statements for which the organization has applied the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and were prepared in accordance with the provisions set out in First-Time Adoption, Section 1501, of the CICA Handbook.

The transition rules require that the organization prepare an opening statement of financial position at the date of transition as if the accounting policies selected under accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations had been applied in the past with restatement of comparative amounts with some specific exceptions. As a result of adopting accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations no such adjustments were necessary, there was no material impact on the statement of financial position as at April 1, 2011, or comparative amounts presented in these financial statements.

4. EQUIPMENT

	2013			2012
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Computer hardware	\$ 335,211	\$ 291,895	\$ 43,316	\$ 43,368
Computer software	165,854	165,854	0	1,715
Translating equipment	259,265	131,488	127,777	31,634
Office equipment	196,612	143,403	53,209	42,994
Automotive equipment	0	0	0	3,691
Furniture and fixtures	108,727	92,024	16,703	14,140
Leasehold improvements	745,158	74,516	670,642	745,158
	\$ 1,810,827	\$ 899,180	\$ 911,647	\$ 882,700

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Board pays for all overhead expenses pertaining to the operations of The Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust, a related party whose Trustees are also board members of the Board. There are no inter-organizational charges made for these services and their magnitude has not been established.

6. COMMITMENTS

The Board is committed to minimum annual lease payments under the terms of a lease agreement for its office premises as follows:

2014	\$ 210,800
2015	210,800
2016	210,800
2017	210,800
2018	210,800

The agreement expires April 15, 2022, and contains a clause for annual additional rent expenses for common areas of the building. These costs are estimated at \$ 74,400 per annum.

The Board is committed to minimum monthly lease payments under the terms of a lease agreement for a vehicle of \$750 per month, \$9,000 per year, expiring February 2017.

The Board is committed to minimum quarterly lease payments under the terms of a lease agreement for photocopier equipment of \$1,247 per quarter, \$4,988 per year, expiring February 2016.

7. OPERATING CONTRIBUTION CARRY FORWARD

The Government of Canada, through the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, budgets funds allocated for the use of the Board for periods of 5 years during which all allocated funds must be spent or they may be retained by the Government. The current period expires in March 2016. As at March 31, 2013, amounts totaling \$849,693 have been approved for carry forward to be used in addition to regular yearly funding for approved programs any time up to March 2014.

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees
Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust
Iqaluit, Nunavut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2013, and the statements of revenues and expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluation of the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust as at March 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Iqaluit, Nunavut CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, June 13, 2013

Statement of Revenues and Expenses — for the year ended March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
REVENUES		
Investment income	\$ 653,060	\$ 749,696
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	719,334	242,413
Realized gain on sales of marketable securities	<u>27,482</u>	<u>83,534</u>
	<u>\$ 1,399,876</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,643</u>
EXPENSES		
Research projects – Schedule I	720,339	613,815
Investment management fees	79,565	77,440
Professional fees	<u>8,149</u>	<u>8,149</u>
	<u>808,053</u>	<u>699,404</u>
EXCESS REVENUES	<u>\$ 591,823</u>	<u>\$ 376,239</u>

Statement of Changes in Net Assets — for the year ended March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 20,197,167	\$ 19,820,928
Excess revenues	<u>591,823</u>	<u>376,239</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 20,788,990</u>	<u>\$ 20,197,167</u>

Statement of Financial Position — as at March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 4,870	\$ 60,360
Marketable securities (Notes 2 and 4)	20,680,026	20,162,663
Accounts receivable	132,166	2,088
	<u>\$20,817,062</u>	<u>\$20,225,111</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 28,072	\$ 27,944
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>20,788,990</u>	<u>20,197,167</u>
	<u>\$20,817,062</u>	<u>\$20,225,111</u>

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES:

Trustee



Trustee



Statement of Cash Flows — for the year ended March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess revenues	\$ 591,823	\$ 376,239
Item not requiring (providing) cash:		
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	<u>(719,334)</u>	<u>(242,413)</u>
	(127,511)	133,826
Cash provided by (used for) changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(130,078)	(32)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>128</u>	<u>393</u>
	<u>(257,461)</u>	<u>134,187</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on sale of marketable securities	1,653,895	1,368,403
Purchases of marketable securities	<u>(1,451,924)</u>	<u>(1,442,973)</u>
	201,971	(74,570)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(55,490)	59,617
CASH, OPENING	<u>60,360</u>	<u>743</u>
CASH, CLOSING	<u>\$ 4,870</u>	<u>\$ 60,360</u>

1. PURPOSE AND NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

In 1994, pursuant to *A Contract Relating to the Implementation of the Nunavut Final Agreement*, the Government of Canada provided the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) with a single payment of eleven million dollars for the establishment of a Wildlife Research Fund. Its intended purpose was to provide funding for territorial and federal government departments to carry out wildlife research approved by the NWMB.

Upon that basis, the NWMB established the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust, which was designated a Registered Charity in 1996. Its Trustees are the members of the NWMB. Since 1997, the Trust has provided an annual funding allocation, exclusively available to government departments. That allocation is administered by the NWMB, in order to address wildlife research priorities as identified by the NWMB.

The Trust is exempt from income taxes under Sec. 149(1)(f) of the *Income Tax Act*.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies followed by the Trust are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the valuation of accounts receivable. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Fund Accounting

The Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

(c) Financial Instruments

The Trust's financial instruments consist of cash, marketable securities, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are reported at their fair values on the statement of financial position. The fair values are the same as the carrying values due to their short-term nature.

Marketable securities are reported at their fair values on the statement of financial position at year-end quoted market prices.

The Trust is exposed to market risk with respect to its marketable securities. Market risk is the risk of a financial loss resulting from adverse changes in underlying interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and equity prices.

3. IMPACT OF THE CHANGE IN THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Trust elected to apply the Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations, Part III of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) handbook, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

These financial statements are the first financial statements for which the Trust has applied the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and were prepared in accordance with the provisions set out in First-Time Adoption, Section 1501, of the CICA handbook.

The transition rules require that the Trust prepare an opening balance sheet at the date of transition as if the accounting policies selected under accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations had been applied in the past with restatement of comparative amounts with some specific exceptions.

As a result of adopting accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations no such adjustments were necessary, there was no material impact on the opening balance sheet as at April 1, 2011, or comparative amounts presented in these financial statements.

4. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The investment in marketable securities is used to fund research. The cost of these securities at March 31, 2013, is \$19,347,649 (2012 – \$19,549,620).

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trust manages its market risk through an independent investment manager with oversight from the Trustees.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust receives administrative services at no charge from the NWMB. The amount of these services has not been quantified.

Research Contributions – for the year ended March 31, 2013

PROJECT NAME

GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT – DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Nunavut coastal resources inventory	\$ 75,000
Baffin Bay polar bear genetic mark-recapture	75,000
Kane Basin polar bear genetic mark-recapture	62,000
Distribution and abundance of caribou on Baffin Island	75,000
Multi-scale investigation of the population ecology of raptors in Nunavut	38,000
Re-evaluation of northern Kivalliq musk-oxen populations and quotas	<u>44,350</u>

\$ 369,350

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

Bowhead movements and ecology	50,000
Walrus population estimate – Foxe Basin	60,000
Surveillance for aquatic invasive species in Canadian Arctic	75,000
Multi-species stock assessment surveys of NAFO OA	<u>75,000</u>

\$ 260,000

ENVIRONMENT CANADA – CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE

Avian cholera: geographic spread and population impacts among common eider ducks	55,000
Viscount Melville polar bear population estimate	<u>75,000</u>

130,000

759,350

Contributions from previous year repaid to NWRT

(39,011)

\$ 720,339





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