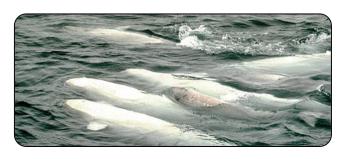
## SACHS HARBOUR HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
- a) A rifle of not less than .243 calibre;
- Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
- One grapple hook attached to sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted:
- d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor;
- e) A towing line.
- 2. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- Beluga hunters must provide the SHHTC with the requested information including measurements and samples.
- 5. There shall be no hunting in "No Hunting Zones" if applicable.
- There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or operators.

#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- 1. A proven method by some hunters has reduced loss rates considerably, by harpooning first. Whales should be harpooned before shooting.
- It would be preferable that no person should hunt alone.
- Each boat should have at least one experienced hunter.
- All areas around whale kills should be cleaned up after processing.
- 5. These Guidelines and Bylaws may be changed by the SHHTC as necessary.



## TUKTOYAKTUK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
  - a) A rifle of not less than .30-30 calibre;
  - b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
- One grapple hook attached to a sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted:
- d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor or;
- e) A towing line.
- 2. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- Beluga hunters are recommended to provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.
- 5. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or operators.



#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- 1. A proven method by some hunters has reduced loss rates considerably, by harpooning first. Whales should be harpooned before shooting.
- No person should hunt alone.
- B. Each boat must have at least one experienced hunter.
- 4. All carcasses must be towed out to the area designated by the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee after processing.
- These rules may from time to time be changed by the THTC.



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# BELUGA HUNTING BYLAWS AND GUIDELINES

The Hunters and Trappers Committees of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, in conjunction with the Fisheries Joint Management Committee, have developed beluga hunting bylaws and guidelines. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is responsible for the enforcement of Fisheries Act and Marine Mammal Protection Regulations. The Hunters and Trappers Committees Bylaws can be enforced by a Fishery Officer under these regulations.





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## AKLAVIK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
- a) A rifle of not less than .243 calibre;
- b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
- One grapple hook attached to sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the sea area being hunted;
- d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor or sinker;
- e) A towing line.
- No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- No hunter shall hunt a cow known to be accompanied by a calf.
- 4. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- 5. Beluga hunters must provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.
- 6. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or tour operators, or anyone else not involved in the hunt.

#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- 1. No hunting boat shall carry passengers of a number that may interfere with proper hunting technique.
- 2. No person shall hunt alone.
- 3. Each boat must carry at least one (1) experienced hunter. The designation of experienced hunters shall be made at each camp.
- 4. A hunting leader shall be appointed at each camp to advise and make any necessary decisions on matters concerning the safety and efficiency of beluga hunting based from that camp, according to guidelines for hunting leaders provided by the Aklavik HTC.
- 5. No hunter should remove the harpoon and float when towing the whale to shore.
- 6. All carcasses must be towed out to deep water or burned after processing, unless being used for other purposes (e.g., bait).
- These rules may from time to time be changed by the AHTC.

## INUVIK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
  - A rifle of not less than .30-30 calibre;
  - Two harpoons equipped with line and float or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
  - One grapple hook attached to a thirty foot (30') length of line, sufficient to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted;
  - One float marker with thirty feet (30') of line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor or sinker;
  - e) A towing line.
- Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- 3. No person shall knowingly waste, abandon or discard any edible product (muktuk or meat) of a harvested beluga.
- 4. No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations on the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- Beluga hunters must provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.
- 6. There shall be no hunting in "No Hunting Zones" if applicable.
- 7. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or operators.

#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- 1. A proven method by some hunters has reduced loss rates considerably, by harpooning first. Whales should be harpooned before shooting.
- 2. No person should hunt alone.
- 3. Each boat must carry at least one experienced hunter. A hunting leader shall be appointed at each camp, and approved by the IHTC. Hunting leaders will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the IHTC. The hunting leader will advise and make any necessary decisions on matters concerning the safety and efficiency of beluga hunting based from that camp, according to guidelines for hunting leaders provided by the IHTC.
- 4. Each boat must be equipped with artificial life preservers for all passengers.
- 5. Hunters should follow the directions of the appointed hunting leader in each camp.
- 6. All carcasses must be towed out to deep water or burned after processing.
- 7. These rules may from time to time be changed by the IHTC.

## OLOKHAKTOMIUT HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- . Each boat will have the following equipment:
- a) A rifle of not less than .30-30 calibre;
- b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
- Two float markers or two 5 gallon jerry cans per harpoon with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor;
- d) A towing line.
- Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting another whale.
- No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- Beluga hunters must provide the OHTC with the requested information including measurements and samples.
- 5. There shall be no hunting in "No Hunting Zones" if applicable.
- 6. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or others.

#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- The recommended method of hunting whales is to first harpoon the whale before shooting. This method reduces losses of sunken or wounded whales.
- 2. No person shall hunt alone.
- 3. Each boat should have at least one experienced hunter.
- 4. These rules may from time to time be changed by the OHTC.



## PAULATUK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE

#### **Beluga Hunting Bylaws**

- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
  - a) A rifle of not less than .30-30 calibre;
- b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
- One grapple hook attached to a sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted;
- d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor;
- e) A towing line.
- 2. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- Beluga hunters may provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.
- There shall be no hunting in "No Hunting Zones" if applicable.
- 6. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists, operators or others.



#### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- A proven method by some hunters has reduced loss rates considerably, by harpooning first. Whales should be harpooned before shooting. No person should hunt alone.
- Each hunting boat should have at least one experienced hunter.
- 3. All carcasses must be towed out to deep water or burned after processing.
- 4. These rules may from time to time be changed by the PHTC.