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Dear Kayla,

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I would like to start off by apologizing for the delay in the release of FJMC Newsletters in 2011. It has been one busy year for the Committee and us resource specialists here in the office.

In this issue we will outline some of the major activities of the FJMC since the last newsletter although I'm sure we will not be able to address all of the initiatives. This just means there's a lot more where this came from and you can expect some interesting write ups in the next few issues!

I hope you all enjoy this newsletter and I look forward to hearing any comments, concerns or suggestions you may have in regards to the FJMC Newsletter. We are always looking for Community input in all aspects of FJMC initiatives, the newsletter only being one of them so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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Fisheries Joint Management Committee

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Community-Based Monitoring in the ISR

In September 2010 the Inuvialuit Game Council passed a motion that outlined the need for a cohesive and robust community-based monitoring effort in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The Fisheries Joint Management Committee and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans expressed interest in developing this concept and struck a Working Group to carry the initiative forward.

Management & Protection of Beaufort Sea Fisheries

This spring there were two important events related to fisheries in the Beaufort Sea.

In April the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the Inuvialuit Game Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to jointly develop a

framework for managing commercial fishing in the Beaufort Sea. In recent years the FJMC and the HTC's have been increasingly concerned that climate warming, a growing world population hungry for protein and the collapse of commercial fisheries around the globe as a result of over fishing will lead fishers from outside the ISR to come to the Arctic and begin commercial fishing. The Inuvialuit are concerned that the marine mammals and fish that the Inuvialuit have depended on for centuries are themselves dependent on the fish and other marine life that outside interests might seek to exploit commercially. The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) does not give the Inuvialuit any special control over new commercial fisheries in the Arctic. By developing a joint Integrated Fisheries Management Framework (IFMF) the four agencies that are part of this MOU will be able to ensure that Inuvialuit interests and Inuvialuit renewable resources in the Beaufort are protected for now and in the future.

The second important event was a Canada/Alaska workshop, organized by FJMC and Oceans North Canada, that brought together Inuvialuit and Inupiat community members and fishers, and Canadian and Alaskan scientists and fisheries co-managers to discuss science and traditional knowledge needs for understanding the fisheries of the Beaufort Sea. The fish and marine mammal stocks of the Beaufort Sea do not recognize national boundaries and it is important that common sampling protocols, data collection and assessment techniques are used in Canada and Alaska so results of the research and traditional knowledge studies can be compared. One of the important recommendations from the workshop is that the Inuvialuit and Inupiat should establish a marine fish and marine ecosystem working group or commission similar to the commissions already established between the two groups for polar bears and for beluga whales. A related recommendation was that DFO should develop an agreement with Alaskan fisheries research agencies. These two sets of agreements would help to ensure the necessary cooperation and collaboration on both sides of the border. The workshop also recognized the need for offshore and nearshore experimental fishing to better understand the size and life history of critical Beaufort Sea forage fish stocks (fish that other fish and marine mammals feed on) such as Arctic cod.

The results of the workshop will be published as an FJMC/Oceans North Technical Report and the FJMC will monitor the progress towards addressing the recommendations.

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As an initial step the working group conducted a community tour in February 2011 to confirm community interest in the concept, collect a baseline of monitoring concerns for each community, gather information from the Hunters and Trappers Committee's on elements they want included in a new community-based monitoring program and to prepare the communities to participate in the Inuvik Community-Based Monitoring Workshop. The community tour confirmed interest in the initiative and helped focus the April CBM workshop on current areas of concern within the communities. During the community tour six observations were identified that shaped the objectives of the April workshop.

The community-based monitoring workshop was held in Inuvik April 11-15, 2011 and brought six representatives from each community together to discuss numerous components relevant to developing a new coordinated approach towards community monitoring in the ISR. Each community appointed at least one representative from each of the following organizations: the HTC, the Community Corporation, the Elders Committee and the Youth Council. The key recommendations that emerged from the workshop can be grouped into the following categories:

1. Program Design
2. Monitor Roles and Program Management
3. Program Funding

Following the April workshop members of the working group began drafting a workshop report which is currently being finalized. FJMC member and staff then travelled to the June IGC meeting in Ulukhaktok to provide an update on the process and to solicit direction from the council on how to move forward with the development of the concept in the

ISR. The Inuvialuit Game Council recommended that a meeting be held in conjunction with the September 2011 IGC meeting in Whitehorse, a venue where the council and co-management boards can converge and discuss the initiative.

The CBM working group is now completing the Workshop report and will send it out to all participants and HTCs in the near future.



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