



Mobilizing Inuit Knowledge for Moose Management

Background

The Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board (TWPCB) was established in Chapter 12 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The primary responsibilities of the TWPCB are to establish total allowable harvests for non-migratory species of wildlife and for plants and to recommend conservation and management measures for wildlife, plants, and habitat in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area.

To fulfill its mandate, the TWPCB regularly seeks new knowledge that may be used in the co-management decision-making process.

Project Description

This project is intended to determine how Inuit Knowledge can inform moose management and enhance our understanding of current moose dynamics. An Inuit Knowledge Study will increase our understanding of moose abundance, health status, and changes over time, and its relationship with the people of Nunatsiavut.

Project activities will generally include bringing together multiple stakeholders and knowledge users to develop appropriate methodologies to understand how Inuit Knowledge can be mobilized. This may include the development of a methodology, filing the appropriate research permit applications, data collection (primarily through interviews), data analysis, spatial analysis, and dissemination of research results.

Outputs and Deliverables

The deliverable will be an Inuit Knowledge Study of Moose in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. The outcome will be a better understanding of Moose in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and positive co-management relationships from bringing stakeholders together, which will have a direct positive effect on future research planning and decision-making.

Research Opportunities

If you are a Masters or PhD Student, or a professional researcher with an interest in this research opportunity, we would welcome a preliminary discussion about your interest and your ideas.

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