

BACKGROUNDER

PROPOSED *NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA WILD ANIMALS REGULATIONS*

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSISTENCE HARVEST QUOTAS IN IVVAVIK NATIONAL PARK, AULAVIK NATIONAL PARK AND TUKTUT NOGAIT NATIONAL PARK

The Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act, also known as the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, was signed by the Inuvialuit and the Government of Canada in 1984. It was the first comprehensive land claim agreement signed north of the sixtieth parallel in Canada.

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement provides for the establishment of Ivvavik National Park, and subsequent park establishment agreements provide for the establishment of Aulavik National Park (1992) and Tuktut Nogait National Park (1996).

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement includes provisions relating to wildlife harvesting and management, including the establishment of subsistence harvest quotas developed with cooperative management partners. To address the implementation of subsistence harvest quotas in Ivvavik National Park, Aulavik National Park and Tuktut Nogait National Park, provisions to this effect would need to be included in the proposed *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* (the Regulations)¹.

The proposed wording for the Regulations is:

Section XX. (1) In this section, “wildlife” has the meaning that is assigned to the word by the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

(2) The harvesting of wildlife in accordance with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement in Ivvavik National Park of Canada, Aulavik National Park of Canada and Tuktut Nogait National Park of Canada is specified to be a traditional renewable resource harvesting activity.

(3) A person who has wildlife harvesting rights in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement may, in Aulavik National Park of Canada or Tuktut Nogait National Park of Canada, harvest wildlife of a species for which a quota has been established in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region under subsections 14 (31) and 14(36) of the Agreement, if they are the holder of an Inuvialuit harvest tag.

(4) A person who has wildlife harvesting rights in the Yukon North Slope under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement may, in Ivvavik National Park of Canada, harvest wildlife of a species for which a quota has been established in the Yukon North Slope under subsections 12(41) and 14(31) of the Agreement, if they are the holder of an Inuvialuit harvest tag.

¹ For more information on the Regulations, please see the “Backgrounder on the Proposed *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* – Summary of Significant Provisions”.

(5) Persons who harvest wildlife in accordance with this section shall immediately affix, to the animal, the Inuvialuit harvest tag that authorizes its harvest.

(6) The holder of an Inuvialuit harvest tag shall carry their tag with them when harvesting wildlife in accordance with this section.

(7) The holder of an Inuvialuit harvest tag shall produce their harvest tag for examination on request by the superintendent or a park warden or enforcement officer.

In addition, the Interpretation section (section 1) would include the following definition:

“Inuvialuit harvest tag” means a tag that authorizes a person to harvest a wild animal and evidences proof of the allocation to that person of part of a quota established in accordance with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

Consultation Timeline

From July 7, 2011 to December 31, 2011, Parks Canada is holding consultations on the proposed Regulations with Aboriginal peoples, partners, stakeholders and interested Canadians. In the Western Arctic, Parks Canada will meet directly with cooperative management boards and land claim bodies during this timeframe to introduce and discuss the proposed Regulations. Following these consultations, the proposed Regulations will be revised as appropriate. Information on how the proposed Regulations were amended following the consultations will be available at www.parkscanada.gc.ca/consultations-animals.

The revised Regulations will then be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I for 90 days to provide an additional opportunity for comments.

More information on the proposed Regulations or on how to participate in the consultations can be found on the Parks Canada Website at www.parkscanada.gc.ca/consultations-animals.