



21 December 2022

**Subject:** High Arctic Cetacean Survey (HACS) 2023

Dear Hunters and Trappers Organization/Association,

We are requesting support to conduct an aerial survey of cetaceans (narwhal, beluga and bowhead whales) in August 2023. The proposed work would involve flying twin otters from the communities of Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, Taloyoak, and Sanirajak to cover the major summer distribution areas for narwhal, beluga and bowhead whales. Contracts to hire observers from the respective communities will be initiated with the Regional Wildlife Office. All equipment and training needed for the survey will be provided by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Please complete your response below to show whether or not your HTO/HTA is supportive of the High Arctic Cetacean survey in 2023. The completed response can be returned to us by email at [Cortney.Watt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Cortney.Watt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or [Marianne.Marcoux@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Marianne.Marcoux@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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We, the Hunters and Trappers Organization/Association of PANGNIRTUNG

☒ **support** the proposal to conduct a High Arctic Cetacean survey in 2023.

☐ **do not support** the proposal to conduct a High Arctic Cetacean survey in 2023.

PANGNIRTUNG

Print HTO/HTA Name

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Print Signee Name

HTA PANGNIRTUNG

Signature

14 FEB 2023

Date