

Walrus Data From Naravut and Narsvik, 2003/4-2008/9

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Abstract

Walrus harvest data in Naravut are inconsistent and based on rough estimates. Culture and fear play a major role in why harvest data are incomplete and inconsistent. The data that is recorded are at best a rough estimate.

Introduction

The collection of harvest data in the north has its challenges. There are many factors that need to be accounted for when requesting this information from the communities. Many communities are not equipped with the resources to collect record and share the information that is requested from them. At the community level many Hunter and Trapper Organization's (HTO) are given the responsibility to collect harvest data and report back to the respective government agency. Although the task seems easy, there are a few re-occurring reasons why data are not easily available. They include: