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# Tourism Act Updates

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# Agenda

- Tourism Act
- “Wilderness”
- Tourist Accommodation Regulations
- Outfitter and Guide Regulations
- Marine Tourism Regulations
- Summary Conviction Procedures Act
- Tourism Officers

# Tourism Act

- Came into force on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Created new regulatory powers



# Wilderness

- No Person shall operate a wilderness tourist establishment, wilderness tourism activity or other prescribed accommodation or activity unless he/she holds a licence.



# Tourist Accommodation Regulations

- Tourism Accommodations inside municipal boundaries may no longer be licenced by EDT
- Wilderness Tourist accommodations will still be licenced
- All tourism accommodations will still comply with the duties under the regulations
  - Duty to keep and submit a guest register

- Tourist Establishment Regulations will still be in force as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Target in-force date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for updates
- The new cabinet may waive the 2018 licencing requirement for tourist accommodations within municipal boundaries/not in the wilderness

# Outfitter and Guide Regulations

- New requirements will be phased in over a three-year period
- Duty to list guides in licence application
- Duty for guides to have wilderness first aid (exemptions and equivalencies may apply)
- Outfitter Regulations will still be in force as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

# Marine Tourism Regulations

- Duty to notify communities before arrival
- Duty to provide economic benefit reports
- Waste disposal restrictions
- Marine Tourism Regulations will come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018



# Summary Conviction Procedures Act

- Specific fines will be attached to provisions in the regulations
- These fines will be similar in level to the Nunavut Wildlife Act

# Tourism Officers

- Tourism Officers are located in EDT's regional offices in Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Rankin Inlet, and Kugluktuk
- Tourism Officers are tasked with supporting the licensing and compliance efforts of tourism businesses
- Tourism Officers and Economic Development Officers will be provided with information packages for distribution to tourism businesses

# Questions?

