Appendix 2

Representative NL, Canada murre hunter comments on the Migratory Bird Convention Act (MBCA) before ("pre 1995") and after 1995 ("post 1995") murre *Uria* spp. hunting regulations were implemented

Before Regulations - Pre-1995
Most I ever had on one trip were 95 turrs
There was no bag limit
Down around Greenspond [Canada], it was a slaughter in the ice pockets, and I couldn't fit any more in the boat
In the 80's seemed like everyone was at it and were overhunting
Always got their daily limit and then some and everyone was doing the same thing; I would go out at least 20 times a season
I have had the gun so hot once that I warped the barrel; fired off a box and a half of shells and after that the gun always shot left.
Back in old days, 30 years or so ago, 150 - 200 turrs, no problem getting them
One year we went well over a thousand birds
Once up a time, there was no quota, you'd sell a few, bottle up a few, give a few away and then probably have enough to pay for your gas for the next day. You had the slob, no quota, kill what you wanted; they were all eaten
Before regulations, on an average day we would kill 150
In my grandfather's time, there not as many hunters, but a lot more birds were taken
At one time we would kill a hundred or more per day. And with ten crews from here in the early 80's; likely 3 000 birds per crew; 20 000 to 30 000 birds per season with a lot sold for $2 to $3 per bird.

At one time, you would kill whatever you wanted
Many other birds were shot such as ticklelaces (Black-legged Kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla*), pigeons (Black Guillemots *Cepphus grylle*), and bawkes (shearwaters *Puffinus* spp.)
Post Regulations, Post 1995
There are more hunters but hunting less now because of the regulations
Hunters will not take a chance to lose their boat
Received a $3K fine for hunting out of season
Checked by Fisheries Officer a couple of times
Don't hear so much about illegal hunting now
Got checked almost every year until about 4 years ago when they stopped trying. When we were younger we used to do everything, but we stopped many years ago and rarely go hunting now since we got older
Most of the hunters who are checked are at the wharfs where there are fisheries officers. I have never been checked
Got checked a couple of times when I came into the wharf