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Dear Colleagues:

Adjournment of the Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Re: Board concerning the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has regretfully decided to indefinitely adjourn its June 6th to 8th 2017 public hearing regarding the Nunavut Department of Environment's revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan. The reason for the adjournment is that the NWMB was informed on May 26th and June 1st by the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and on June 2nd by the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB), that they will not attend the hearing for the reasons provided in their letters attached to this correspondence.1

The NWMB regrets that misunderstandings among co-management partners have led to this adjournment decision. The Board apologizes for the resulting inconvenience to hearing parties. Nevertheless, as a practical matter, the NWMB is of the view that the hearing cannot proceed at this time in the absence of two RWOs.

The Board will soon be in further touch regarding next steps.

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Accompanying this letter are copies of the May 26th and June 1st correspondence from QWB, May 30th correspondence from the NWMB, and June 2nd correspondence from KWB.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Shewchuk A/Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (4)

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Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;
Jason Mikki, Executive Director, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
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June 02, 2017

Mr. D. Shewchuck A/Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board PO Box 1379 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Sent by e-mail to: tsaataa@nwmb.com

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

This letter details Kivalliq Wildlife Board's response to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board's decision to withdraw from the public hearing on the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB) Executive met via teleconference on June 1, 2017 and decided that KWB will support QWB's decision to withdraw from the hearing and will also withdraw their participation from the hearing. Here, two major concerns are presented: (1) concern about equal and fair opportunity for all HTOs to participate in the hearing and (2) concern that recommendations are not taken seriously in the consultation process.

Equal and Fair Opportunity for All HTOs to Participate in Public Hearings

In agreeance with the QWB Executive, the Kivalliq Wildlife Board also feels that all HTOs throughout Nunavut should be treated fairly and equally during NWMB hearings and have the same opportunity to participate in public hearings. In the case of in-person hearings, this means that all HTOs potentially affected by the subject matter of the hearing should have equal opportunity to attend the hearing. With this revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan hearing, we do not feel that representatives of affected harvesters from every community do have reasonable opportunity to make their views known.

When NWMB is providing financial assistance to RWOs and/or HTOs to attend the hearings, it should be made explicitly clear how much funding will be provided to each RWO and HTO so that if the RWOs and HTOs need to supplement the funding, this can be planned and arranged. Ideally, the financial assistance that NWMB provides should be shared equally between all HTOs and the HTO expenses incurred to participate in meetings should be equivalent from HTO to HTO.



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Concern that Recommendations are Not Taken Seriously

The KWB Executive recognizes that co-management consultations and hearings in Nunavut can be complicated as well as time and resource consuming. However, they are critically important to ensuring equal participation in wildlife co-management that affect our local communities, regions and the territory.

KWB and the Kivalliq HTOs want to be meaningfully involved in the consultation process. That means we want assurance that our concerns and recommendations are heeded in meaningful ways. Sometimes KWB feels as if issues that are important to us are overlooked or not taken seriously.

One recent example concerns this hearing, recommendations were made in a teleconference that a June hearing was not ideal for hunters to attend because of its overlap with an important hunting season when people want to be on the land.

It is not clear that concerns and recommendations presented at hearings are always taken seriously, which can make participating in the hearings challenging. We want our contributions to these processes to have real impacts on how co-management of wildlife occurs in Nunavut. In this case, community members and harvesters have important knowledge on how polar bears should be managed and harvested. We want this knowledge to be included in the Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan.

It is very important that all of the RWOs and the HTOs throughout Nunavut participate in the public hearings on the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan. The KWB is in support of the concerns expressed by the QWB and has decided that we cannot participate in the public hearing process without full and equal participation of all communities and HTOs throughout Nunavut. I suggest that the current Hearing process be postponed.

Sincercly,

Stanley Adjuk, Chairperson, Kivalliq Wildlife Board

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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

June 1, 2017

Mr. D. Shewchuk A/Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board PO Box 1379 Iqaluit, NU XOA 0H0

Sent by e-mail to: tsataa@nwmb.com

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

On behalf of the QWB, I am replying to your response to Mr. Kango's letter of May 26, 2017 regarding the polar bear plan hearing.

Regarding the March 30 teleconference about concerns that QWB may have (section 3, point 5), our teleconference participants could not have replied at that time. As with any Board, our staff and individual delegates cannot speak on behalf of the Board until the Executive has discussed the questions and established a position.

Further, it is not true that the QWB did not inform the NWMB about our concerns for 7 weeks.

The QWB's concerns about NWMB's proposed Hearing process were presented in person to your Executive Director during the QWB HTO Manager's Workshop of April 25-26, 2017 in Iqaluit, a full month before Mr. Kango's letter.

In our view, NWMB had enough time to discuss QWB's concerns internally, and then engage the QWB in positive discussions. The NWMB did not engage us to build a consensus.

During the April Workshop, your Executive Director (ED) heard from QWB staff about our concerns. Additionally, Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., spoke against the NWMB's allocation of only 6 delegates to Qikiqtaaluk. He clearly requested that this position be changed by NWMB. The NWMB ED replied that QWB could send as many as it wants, if we fund their travel. In response, QWB staff raised the issue of time allocated for each HTO to speak during the Hearing. If QWB found funding to send more delegates, would each HTO across Nunavut be given an equal amount of time to speak at the Hearing?

NWMB's ED essentially replied, No. The agenda had already been set, and he was unwilling to consider changes. He stated that each region would get the same amount of time, regardless

of how many delegates they send. Therefore, NWMB would not allow each of Qikiqtaaluk's 13 HTO representatives to fairly and reasonably make their views known on par with other HTOs.

Annie Tattuinee, Executive Director, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat, also supported QWB's position, and spoke about the meaning of fairness and representation as per the spirit of the Agreement

Over the next month, the QWB became dismayed that the NWMB's did not engage us in a timely manner.

The NWMB apparently wants to hear from 12 delegates from 12 communities that have a basic TAH allocation of about 178 polar bears, but from only 6 of 13 communities with a TAH of about 312 bears. Those other 12 delegates will be funded by NWMB, and will be given twice as much time to speak. The QWB cannot accept that as fair. We do not accept that the NWMB has met its own stated criteria for "provision of a reasonable opportunity for affected harvesters to make their views known" in a procedurally fair hearing.

Very few of our HTOs have any funding for travel, and none specifically for attending NWMB Hearings. Similarly, the QWB does not have funding allocated for sending HTO delegates to NWMB Hearings.

In a teleconference today for all members of the QWB, our Board again decided not to participate in the NWMB hearing planned for next week. We gave the reasons for withdrawing from the public hearing in Mr. Kango's letter. We believe that the NWMB attempted to inaccurately reframe our reasons in its written response of May 30, 2017. Mr. Kango's letter stands on its own.

The QWB is willing to discuss a fair in-person public hearing process. If the NWMB becomes interested in reaching a true consensus, I suggest that the current Hearing process be postponed.

Sincerely.

Jason Mikki

Executive Director

cc. James Qillaq, Chairperson, QWB
Chairpersons, 13 Qikiqtaaluk HTOs
Chairpersons, Kivalliq and Kitikmeot RWOs
Paul Irngaut, NTI
Annie Tattuinee, NIWS



May 30th 2017

James Qillaq Chairperson of the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

Dear James:

Re: Withdrawal of the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board from the Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning the revised *Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan*

1. Reasons for withdrawal by the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board from the public hearing process

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) was dismayed by the May 26th letter from Vice-Chairperson Joshua Kango, informing the NWMB that the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) Executive Committee has decided to withdraw from the June 6th to 8th 2017 public hearing concerning the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan.

In summary, the reasons provided for the withdrawal are the following:

- 1. The NWMB's April 13th offer to fund travel and accommodation costs for attendance by six Qikiqtani representatives at the hearing violates the spirit and possibly even the letter of the *Nunavut Agreement*;
- In order for the hearing to be fair and valid, the NWMB would have to fund travel and accommodation costs
 for attendance at the hearing by representatives of all thirteen Hunters and Trappers Organizations from the
 Qikiqtaaluk Region; and
- 3. In such circumstances, QWB must stand up for the basic principles of co-management and the spirit of the Nunavut Agreement.

In the NWMB's view, QWB has based its decision on an unfortunate misunderstanding of the facts. I am very much hoping that the explanation below will convince you to reconvene a meeting of your Executive Committee to reconsider QWB's May 26th decision.

2. The NWMB has no legal obligation to fund travel and accommodation costs for parties attending an NWMB hearing

I want to assure you that the Board is under no legal obligation – whether from the *Nunavut Agreement*, other federal or territorial laws, the law made by judges (case law), or any contractual agreement – to fund travel and accommodation costs for parties attending an NWMB hearing. As a result, the NWMB has never received any type of intervenor or participant funding from the federal government.¹

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¹ The NWMB is required by Section 5.7.13 of the *Nunavut Agreement* to provide "adequate funding" for the operation of HTOs and RWOs. However, the reference to "adequate funding" necessarily refers to RWO and HTO funding levels determined by the parties to the *Nunavut Agreement* (or, where those parties cannot reach agreement, by Canada) through

Nevertheless, the Board – following the basic principles of co-management and the spirit of the *Nunavut Agreement* – has consistently attempted to maintain a close working partnership with the Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs) and Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), including with respect to their participation at NWMB hearings.

Indeed, the Board has gone out of its way on a number of occasions over the years to secure funding from its own annual operating budget – funding designated for carrying out NWMB legal responsibilities under Article 5 of the *Numavut Agreement*, but re-profiled in order to provide financial assistance to RWOs and HTOs. The provision of such funding is not an NWMB obligation; rather, it is a necessarily occasional, voluntary donation intended to ensure stronger RWO and HTO participation in the Nunavut wildlife management system.

By way of example, between 2008 and 2013, the NWMB held a total of one in-person pre-hearing conference and seven public hearings, all of which affected more than one Nunavut Region:

- 1. For four of the hearings, the Board did not offer any financial assistance to RWOs or HTOs for hearing attendance.² No HTO or RWO complained of being treated unfairly.
- 2. For the other three hearings, the NWMB provided modest financial assistance for hearing attendance.³ No HTO or RWO complained of being treated unfairly.
- 3. With respect to the single pre-hearing conference, the Board provided modest financial assistance for attendance. Once again, no HTO or RWO complained of being treated unfairly.

As a result of its consistent experience of no complaints during those six years, the NWMB reasonably understood that QWB had no concerns regarding this occasional, voluntary NWMB practice.

Over the years, the Board has taken additional important steps to help ensure RWO and HTO independence and participation at NWMB public hearings. For instance, the Board advised the Nunavut Implementation Panel - in its December 14th 2012 Funding Proposal and Workplan for the Period from July 9th 2013 to July 8th 2023 - that the Nunavut Agreement parties must ensure adequate funding for RWOs and HTOs to participate at NWMB public hearings.⁵

Since the protection of Qikiqtani Inuit harvesting rights and Nunavut wildlife are necessarily essential QWB wildlife management responsibilities, the NWMB presumes that QWB made a similar recommendation in its own

implementation funding negotiations for each 10-year implementation planning period. The current planning period covers 2013 to 2023.

² No financial assistance: The March 6th 2008 Bowhead Whale total allowable harvest public hearing, the September 10th 2008 public hearing to list Grizzly Bear as a species of special concern, the February 10th 2009 Bowhead Whale total allowable harvest public hearing, and the April 13th 2010 public hearing to list Polar Bear as a species of special concern.

³ Modest financial assistance: The September 11th and 12th 2012 public hearing to establish basic needs levels for beluga, narwhal and walrus (12 delegates in total, shared between QWB, the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB) and the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB)); the July 24th to 26th 2012 public hearing concerning the *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal*, including accompanying harvesting limitations (12 delegates in total, shared equally between QWB and KWB); and the September 10th and 11th 2013 Foxe Basin Polar Bear total allowable harvest public hearing (8 delegates in total, shared equally between QWB and KWB).

Modest financial assistance: The December 10th 2009 pre-hearing conference to list Polar Bear as a species of special concern (6 delegates in total: 2 for QWB, 2 for KWB and 2 for KRWB).

^{5 &}quot;... Informed RWO and HTO input into the hearing process – through the development of written and/or oral submissions, and attendance at the hearing – is crucial for informed and fair NWMB decision-making (NLCA S.5.1.2(h), 5.1.3(b)(ii), (iii) and (v), 5.2.26, 5.2.28, 5.2.34(f), 5.7.3(a) and (d), and 5.7.6(a) and (d))."

2013 to 2023 funding proposal and workplan regarding its funding needs for the current implementation planning period. The Board also presumes that the relatively significant budget increases achieved by the RWOs and HTOs for 2013 to 2023 include a reasonable level of funding for participation at NWMB hearings.

3. The NWMB's legal obligation is to hold procedurally fair public hearings

Among the most important of the Board's wildlife management responsibilities is the holding of procedurally fair public hearings. Procedural fairness includes three crucial elements: proper notice of the hearing, adequate disclosure of the relevant issues and facts, and the provision of a reasonable opportunity for affected harvesters to make their views known (via written submissions and/or the right to attend the hearing as a party). The NWMB has met all of those legal responsibilities with respect to this particular public hearing.

In fact, the Board has taken even more care than usual with the procedures it has followed in preparing for this highly important hearing:

- 1. The NWMB started with a written hearing in the fall of 2015, to which it properly applied the three crucial elements of procedural fairness;
- 2. In the course of that hearing, the NWMB decided that the draft *Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan* required further development; the Board therefore adjourned the hearing to permit the Department of Environment to carefully review the submissions received, and to consider revisions to the original Plan based upon its review;
- 3. The Department subsequently undertook and completed a number of revisions, and then conducted further consultations with relevant Inuit organizations during October and November of 2016; the result of that process is the revised draft Plan, submitted to the NWMB on February 2nd 2017; the Board then held two prehearing teleconferences with the hearing parties (February 15th and March 30th);
- 4. At the initial teleconference, all parties including QWB indicated that they would support whatever hearing format (written or in-person) the Board decided upon; after careful consideration, the NWMB decided that an in-person public hearing was warranted; and
- 5. During the second teleconference, the parties discussed concerns over the dates and location of the hearing, the length of the hearing, the number of party representatives for whom the NWMB would pay travel and accommodation costs, the proposed agenda, and the timelines for oral submissions and resulting questions and answers; at the end of the teleconference, the Board was careful to ask all of the participants if they had remaining concerns. No concerns or disagreements were expressed by any of the participants, including the QWB representatives.

Within just one week - on April 7th - the NWMB issued a summary of the discussions at the pre-hearing teleconference, the final version of the hearing agenda, and a formal hearing invitation letter to the parties. All three documents reflected the consensus reached at the March 30th teleconference.

During the following seven weeks, the Board received no questions, concerns or replies to the three April 7th documents. At the end of the work day on Friday, May 26th – approximately one week before the hearing is to commence – QWB unexpectedly delivered its withdrawal letter to the NWMB.

4. Conclusion

The NWMB's legal obligation is to provide a reasonable opportunity for affected harvesters and their representative organizations to respond to the *Proposal for Decision* that has been presented to the Board for approval. The NWMB is confident that it has met that legal obligation; in fact, the Board believes it has satisfied a very high standard in meeting all of its procedural fairness obligations to QWB and the other hearing parties. Accordingly, the NWMB met by teleconference on May 29th, and unanimously decided to proceed with the hearing as scheduled.

James, it goes without saying that QWB is entitled to not attend the public hearing, and to withdraw its written submission. However, the NWMB believes that QWB's withdrawal from this very important wildlife management process would be an unfortunate and unnecessary loss for all concerned – a loss that could be felt by Qikiqtani harvesters for many years to come. I therefore sincerely ask you, on behalf of the NWMB, to reverse the May 26th decision, and to have QWB once again play the thoughtful leadership role it has displayed at so many NWMB hearings over the years.

If you require further information or explanation, the NWMB's Executive Director and Legal Counsel would be happy to meet with you and/or your Executive Committee at a mutually convenient time prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Shewchuk

A/Chairperson of the

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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

May 26, 2017

Mr. D. Shewchuk A/Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board PO Box 1379 Igaluit, NU XOA 0H0

Sent by e-mail to: tsataa@nwmb.com

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Public Hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan

The QWB Executive met by teleconference today to discuss NWMB's invitation of April 13, 2017 to attend NWMB's in-person public hearing on the revised polar bear plan during June 6-8, 2017. The Executive made the following decisions related to your invitation:

The QWB Executive believes that the NWMB's invitation of only 6
 Distinguished Elders/Qaujimaniliit and representatives of the Regional
 Wildlife Organizations (RWOs) and/or Hunters and Trappers Organizations
 (HTOs) from Qikiqtaaluk region violates the spirit, if not letter, of the
 Nunavut Agreement. The Agreement does not state that the NWMB may treat
 any HTO or RWO differently from any other.

Qikiqtaaluk region has 13 HTOs, all of which should be treated fully and equally during any NWMB hearing in terms of opportunity, expenses and time allocations.

The NWMB's invitation attempted to put the QWB in the untenable position of selecting at least 7 HTOs that would not be given full and equal opportunities to represent themselves.

The QWB Executive cannot comply with NWMB's conditional invitation, and has no choice but to decline to select any representatives.

We do not recognize the proposed Hearing as being fair or valid under the spirit of the Nunavut Agreement.

Therefore, the QWB cannot participate in the public Hearing during June 6-8, 2017.

2. Through this letter, I notify the NWMB that the QWB rejects the revised Nunavut Polar Bear Co-Management Plan. It is unacceptable in its current form.

Further, the QWB officially withdraws its May 19 Written Submission regarding the revised Plan. We do this because we will be unable to discuss and explain fully our Submission, with the support and additional information that could be offered by all our HTOs if a full and fair Hearing was to be convened.

I regret that the QWB had to make these decisions, but we will not participate in the unfair treatment of the HTOs that we represent as the NWMB has asked us to do. We must stand up for basic principles of co-management, and the spirit of the Nunavut Agreement.

We trust that in future, the NWMB will enable the QWB and all its HTOs to represent their members fully, equally and in-person with respect to this Plan, which will be so important to the Inuit across Nunavut and in every community.

Sincerely,

Joshua Kango Vice-Chairperson Oikigtaaluk Wildlife Board

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