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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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December 22, 2016

Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Re: Environment and Climate Change Canada's request for an NWMB decision on the proposed listing of Flooded Jellyskin as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, and potential occurrence in Nunavut

Dear Minister McKenna

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) December Regular Meeting (RM-004-2016), Environment and Climate Change Canada presented a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* regarding the Board's involvement in the listing of Flooded Jellyskin as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*. The Board considered this request at its In-Camera Meeting (IC-006-2016) on December 1st, 2016 and passed the following resolution:

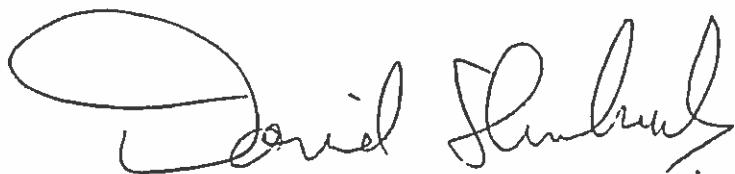
RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the NWMB exercise its discretion to not perform its decision-making function regarding the proposed listing of Flooded Jellyskin under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

In making its decision, the Board considered that there are currently no known occurrences of Flooded Jellyskin in Nunavut. If future surveys confirm the presence of Flooded Jellyskin in the Nunavut Settlement Area, consultation with affected Nunavut communities and NWMB approval will be necessary as part of Environment and Climate Change Canada's development of recovery documents. Recently the Board made a similar decision regarding the *Recovery Strategy for the Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis and Tri-coloured bat in Canada*.

In addition, at its December 2nd, 2015 In-Camera Meeting (IC-007-2015), the NWMB initiated a process to draft a policy regarding (i) what procedurally fair processes it will follow for its listing and recovery document decision-making functions for a species/population that currently appears to have a limited or unknown range in Nunavut, and (ii) under what conditions it will decide to exercise its *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* Section 5.2.34 discretion to not perform its listing and management plan/recover strategy/action plan/critical habitat decision-making functions. This NWMB policy is still under development.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Shewchuk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "S".

Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Acting Head-Eastern Arctic Unit, Canadian Wildlife Service,
Environment and Climate Change Canada