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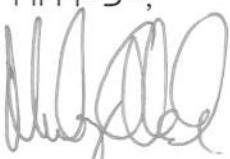
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February 2nd, 2011

The Honourable Gail Shea
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
15th Floor, Centennial Towers
200 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: NWMB approval of the Burnside HTO (Bathurst Inlet) exploratory char fishery plan

Dear Minister Shea,

On December 23rd, 2010 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) received a request from Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) staff to approve the Bathurst Inlet Emerging Char Fishery plan signed and supported by the Burnside HTO chairperson Sam Kapolak (see below).

On January 21st, the NWMB considered the NTI and Burnside HTO approved fishery plan for Burnside Bathurst Inlet and made the following decision:

"Moved that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the Burnside HTO plan for the Bathurst Inlet emerging char fishery as per S 5.2.34 (d) (i) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and that the fishery plan remain in place until modified and reconsidered by the NWMB."

Background to the Resolution

On Apr. 12th 2010, DFO staff presented a briefing note to the NWMB concerning the Burnside HTO's Bathurst Inlet Emerging Char Fishery Application. On May 12th 2010, the NWMB sent a letter to DFO, the Burnside HTO and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) to "...invite the DFO, NTI and the Burnside HTO to provide an Arctic Char Fishery Management Plan for 2010 to the NWMB for consideration."

On September 15th DFO staff again presented a briefing note to the Board concerning the Burnside HTO's emerging char fishery application, providing a fishing plan approved by the Burnside HTO. The fishing plan was not approved by the Board at that time because NTI staff in attendance were of the opinion that, though the NWMB has authority to approve management plans as per S 5.2.34 (d) (i), the NWMB does not have the authority to require a management plan to approve a licence.

In response to NTI's concerns, on September 30th the NWMB wrote to DFO, the Burnside HTO and NTI requesting that the Burnside HTO and NTI provide indication of their support for the Bathurst Inlet emerging char fishery plan prior to Board approval of the plan. On November 30th, 2010 NTI wrote to the Burnside HTO expressing their support for the fishery plan, and on December 22nd the Burnside HTO provided a signed copy of the fishery plan by their Chairperson, Sam Kapolak.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to this decision or the rationale provided by the NWMB, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



Mikidjuk Akavak
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Eric Kan, Area Director-Eastern Arctic, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

BATHURST INLET EMERGING CHAR FISHERIES

LICENCE APPLICANT:

Burnside Hunters' and Trappers' Association, Bathurst Inlet, NU

PURPOSE:

To develop a sustainable commercial char fishery and promote economic opportunities for Inuit in Bathurst Inlet.

LOCATIONS & HARVEST LEVEL:

Waterbody	Coordinates	Exploratory Harvest Level
Burnside Bay/Swan Lake (CB 177)	66°47'N 108°10'W	2000 kg (4400 lbs)

METHODS:

- Fishing will commence soon after freeze-up, ideally in October/November. The exploratory char fisheries five-year approach for collecting biological and catch-effort data will be followed. A minimum gillnet mesh-size of 5.5 inches will be employed. The harvested Arctic Char that is exported across Nunavut's territorial borders will follow the prescribed direction by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) as directed by the "Fish Inspection Act" and "Fish Inspection Regulations."

Supported by:

Sam Kapsalak

Chairperson Burnside H.T.O.





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Dear Mr. Akavak:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 2, 2011, addressed to the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB's) approval of the Bathurst Inlet emerging char fishery plan. I have been asked to respond on Minister Shea's behalf.

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the NWMB's decision to "approve the Burnside HTO plan for the Bathurst Inlet emerging char fishery as per S 5.2.34 (d) (i) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and that the fishery plan remain in place until modified and reconsidered by the NWMB," and to inform you that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) accepts this decision.

DFO looks forward to continued collaboration with the NWMB and its technical staff on Arctic char co-management issues.

Sincerely,

Eric Kan
Area Director
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