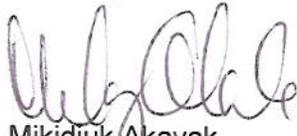


Regular Meeting, there was also an indication that Coral Harbour HTO may increase the requested exploratory harvest level for the Cape Donovan Area (from 1000 kg to 2000-3000 kg); this request must be clarified and any changes must be reflected in the fishing plan. The NWMB has not received written correspondence from Coral Harbour HTO and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) confirming approval of the fishing plan.

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

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Eric Kan, Area Director-Eastern Arctic, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Noah Kadlak, Chairperson, Coral Harbour Hunters' & Trappers' Organization
Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife and Environment, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Enclosures (1)

ATTACHMENT:

CORAL HARBOUR EMERGING CHAR FISHERY

LICENCE APPLICANT:

Aiviit Hunters' and Trappers' Organization (HTO), Coral Harbour, NU

PURPOSE:

To develop a sustainable commercial char fishery and promote economic opportunities for Inuit in Coral Harbour.

LOCATION & HARVEST LEVEL:

Waterbody	Coordinates	Exploratory Harvest Level (kg)
Canyon Lakes (3)	(1): 65°09'41.38"N 84°11'5.30"W; (2): 65°09'17.58"N 84°12'20.75"W; (3): 65°09'3.37"N 84°12'46.39"W	2500 (total)
Cape Donovan Area	64°45'9.26"N 82°34'45.35"W	1000

METHODS:

Most fishing will take place during the winter months, ideally between January and May. Arrangements may be made to fish these lakes for approximately one month in the fall, when the fish are running back to the lakes from the ocean. The HTO will be the licence holder and as such will coordinate community members to fish the exploratory harvest level. 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. Any 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."

Note: Arrangements are already in place to sell fish to Kivalliq Arctic Foods in Rankin Inlet for value-added processing.

