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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

I am writing to you regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) recommendations for the management of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Shrimp Fishing Area (SFA) 0.

The Board's recommendation to establish a competitive Total Allowable Catch (TAC) in SFA 0 for waters outside the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) at 500t is supported for the 2024 fishery season. Further, I support, in part, the Board's recommendation to expand access outside of the NSA to Nunavut sub-allocation holders in the SFA 0 competitive fishery by granting access to Baffin Fisheries Coalition and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, beginning in 2024, given that these entities have the capacity to fish for Northern shrimp.

Additionally, in concert with the Board's recommendation, a request to the Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat has been made for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Science to generate more current scientific data. However, it should be noted that such a request would be considered in the context of a number of other departmental priorities in regards to science research.

I acknowledge the Board's role in the management of commercial fisheries, and I agree with the need for continued discussion on the management and administration of shrimp resources within and outside of the NSA. I encourage continued dialogue between the NWMB and my Departmental officials on matters of collaboration in the management of SFA 0.

I appreciate the Board's collaboration and cooperation in the sustainable management of our shared shrimp resources.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P.

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