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Mr. Willie Nakoolak
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O. Box 1379
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Dear Mr. Nakoolak:

The Scientific Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) has provided Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommendations for the 2011 season for the Northern Shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) fishery in NAFO Subareas 0 and 1, which includes Shrimp Fishing Area (SFA) 1. The Scientific Council advises that the 2011 TAC should not exceed 120,000t. This is an increase over the 2010 TAC level of 110,000t. However, the recommended TAC level is below the 2004-2008 level of 130,000t upon which existing quotas are based. Despite the increased TAC recommendation for 2011, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) still has concerns over the status of the shrimp biomass in NAFO Subareas 0 and 1.

For your information, a TAC summary table is included below and further information on the NAFO SC advice can be found at: <http://www.nafo.int/science/frames/science.html>.

TAC Summary:

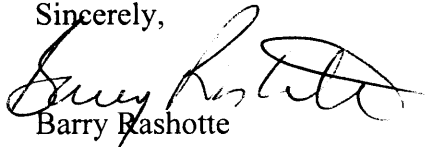
	2004-2008	2009	2010	2011
NAFO SC recommended overall TAC	130,000t	110,000t	110,000t	120,000t
CDN TAC	18,417t	15,583t	15,583t	15,583t
Offshore	14,246t	14,246t	14,246t	14,246t
Nunavut	3,722t	3,722t	3,722t	3,722t
Makivik	449t	449t	449t	449t

This letter is to advise you that in taking into account all relevant considerations, DFO is of the view that it would be more prudent, from a conservation perspective, to keep the TAC for Northern Shrimp in SFA 1 at status quo (15,583t) for 2011. Therefore, domestic offshore allocations and Nunavut and Makivik individual allocations, will remain unchanged with the caveat that if the 15,583t TAC level is reached, the fishery in SFA 1 will be closed.

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The NWMB's recommendation on Individual Allocations for this fishery (included in your letter dated September 24, 2010) for the 2011 season was based on 2010 TAC levels. This recommendation was accepted by the Minister in November 2010, with the understanding that if final TACs are different from the 2010 TAC levels, individual allocations will need to be adjusted accordingly. Therefore, I would like to assure you that Nunavut Individual Allocations suggested in your letter will remain as proposed for 2011.

Sincerely,

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Barry Rashotte
Director General

Ecosystems and Fisheries Management



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On February 10th, 2011 the NWMB resolved to accept your department's recommendation to keep Canada's share of the TAC of northern shrimp in SFA 1 at 15,583t for the 2011 season, and that domestic offshore Nunavut allocations remain as per the NWMB's recommendations on individual allocations for this fishery (included in our letter dated September 24th, 2010), with the caveat that if the 15,583t TAC level is reached the fishery in SFA 1 will be closed. Nonetheless, we ask that your department provide the justification and supporting evidence for your conservation concerns with regards to this stock to the NWMB. We also request details of DFO's communications and consultations with affected Nunavut fishers concerning the NAFO Scientific Council's recommendations and DFO's proposed way forward (i.e. status quo), and an

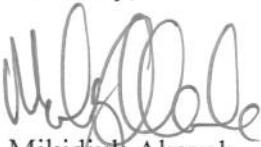
indication of Greenland's response to the NAFO Scientific Council's recommendations (i.e. does Greenland intend to increase their share of the TAC of northern shrimp in SFA 1?).

With regards to future requests for NWMB advice on NAFO recommended TAC levels, the NWMB will require that DFO:

- Provide a reasonable period of time for NWMB staff review and a necessary Board decision with regards to advice pertaining to recommendations of the Scientific Council;
- Where DFO has indicated conservation concerns with a particular commercial stock, provide justification and supporting evidence for these concerns so that the Board is fully informed when requested to make a decision;
- Provide indication of DFO consultations with the Nunavut fishing industry on recommendations that are important to commercial fisheries in Nunavut's adjacent waters.

The NWMB looks forward to continuing to work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to ensure that Nunavut's marine resources are developed and managed in a sustainable and fair manner for the equitable benefit of all Nunavummiut.

Sincerely,



Mikidjuk Akavak
Chairperson

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Eric Kan, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Eastern Arctic Area Director