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June 18, 2018

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard 15th Floor, Centennial Towers 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Dear Minister LeBlanc:

Re: Season Bridging Pilot Project for Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Northern shrimp fishery from 2018/19 – 2020/21 seasons

On April 30th, 2018 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) submitted a Request for Decision to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and to the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) to run a two-year pilot project for the Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Northern Shrimp fishery from the 2018/19 to the 2020/21 season. The season bridging pilot project would allow allocation holders to carry-forward unused quota from one fishing season to the next, or to borrow from the next year's quota to fish during the last month of the current fishing season.

The NWMB considered this request during the In-Camera meeting (IC002-2018) on June 7, 2018, in Iqaluit, Nunavut. The NWMB passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the Season Bridging Pilot Project for Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Northern shrimp fishery from 2018/19 – 2020/21 seasons.

The NMRWB considered this request during the In-Camera session of their 39th regular meeting on June 7, 2018, in Radisson, Quebec. The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the NMRWB approve the Season Bridging Pilot Project for Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Northern shrimp fishery from 2018/19 – 2020/21 seasons.

In reaching this decision, the NWMB and NMRWB both considered the following:

- Stocks are in the Healthy Zone (or assumed to be in the Heathy Zone);
- This will only run as a two-year pilot project;

- · Consultation with industry has been completed;
- The NWMB can decide after the project is done if to continue with the program.

The NWMB and the NMRWB look forward to continued collaboration with co-management partners in the management of the shrimp stocks that Nunavut and Nunavik fishes. Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB or NMRWB.

Sincerely,

David Kritterdlik A/Chairperson of the

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Robert Moshenko

Vice-Chairperson of the

Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board

c.c. Leigh Edgar, Senior Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Officer, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Mr. Robert Moshenko Vice Chairperson Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board

Dear Mr. Shewchuk, and Mr. Moshenko:

Thank you for the correspondence of June 18, 2018, to the Honorable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Ocean and the Canadian Coast Guard regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) decisions and recommendations on the Season Bridging project for the Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Northern shrimp fishery for the 2018/19 to the 2020/21 season. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Season Bridging is regarded as a useful operational flexibility that allows for additional opportunities to catch allocations in full without compromising the sustainability of the resource. I was pleased that Nunavut and Nunavik industry were unanimous in their support for this pilot project, which was in turn approved by the Boards.

Resource Management will revisit and review this pilot project with Science, relevant stakeholders, industry and the Boards in 2020/21. This will be a useful exercise especially considering the anticipated development of a Precautionary Approach framework for the Western Assessment Zone, and will be an opportunity to make modifications to the protocol in support of both conservation and the successful prosecution of Nunavut and Nunavik allocations in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones.

I appreciate the continued collaboration with the Boards in the management of this important resource.

ours sincerely.

Adam Burns,

Director General, Fisheries Resource Management

Cc: Mr. David Kritterdlik, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

