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

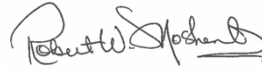
- Consultation with industry has been completed;
- The NWMB can decide after the project is done if to continue with the program.

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
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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Our File *Notre référence*

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.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Burns,
Director General, Fisheries Resource Management

Cc: Mr. David Kritterdlik, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board