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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**

May 14, 2020

The Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard
Government of Canada

Dear Minister Jordan:

Re: Removing Bycatch Designation for Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Nunavut-East and Nunavik-East Management Units

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting in Iqaluit, on March 11, 2020 (RM001-2020), Fisheries and Oceans Canada requested a decision and recommendation from the NWMB to change the designation for Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) from bycatch to a directed species in the Nunavut-East and Nunavik-East management units of the Eastern Assessment Zone.

The NWMB considered this request during its In-Camera Meeting (IC001-2020) on March 12, 2020, in Iqaluit, and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.6.48 of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board changes the designation of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) from bycatch to a directed species in the Nunavut-East management unit of the Eastern Assessment Zone.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 15.3.4 of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board recommends a change to the designation of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) from bycatch to a directed species in the Nunavik-East management unit of the Eastern Assessment Zone.

Reason(s) for NWMB Decision

In reaching its decision and recommendation, the NWMB considered that Fisheries and Oceans Canada consulted industry and have obtained unanimous support for the change of designation of Northern shrimp from bycatch to a directed species in the Nunavut-East and Nunavik-East management units. Furthermore, Fisheries and



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Oceans Canada had received support for the change in the designation, via e-mail, from Makivik Corporation. The Executive Director of the Northern Fisheries Alliance also supported Fisheries and Oceans Canada's recommendation on behalf of Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and Baffin Fisheries.

The NWMB also took into consideration that Fisheries and Oceans Canada's science sector did not identify any concerns with the change in designation, given that this is an administrative change and will not impact the resource.

The NWMB looks forward to continued collaboration with co-management partners for the management of Nunavut's commercial fisheries. Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,


Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

- c.c. D'Aoust, Courtney, Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Officer, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Regional Director General, Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Allison McPhee, A/Associate Regional Director General, Central and Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Larry Dow; Director, Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.



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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of April 7, and May 14, 2020, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (the Board) decisions and recommendations on Arctic cod bycatch limits in the Northern and Striped shrimp fishery, within and adjacent to the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA), and the Board's decision on removal of the bycatch designation for Northern Shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in the Nunavut-East management unit of the Eastern Assessment Zone.

I have addressed each of the decisions and recommendations separately herein for simplicity.

Arctic cod bycatch limits

I accept, within the NSA in the management units Nunavut-East and Nunavut-West, the Board's decision to establish an Arctic cod bycatch limit of the greater of 5% by weight of the catch of shrimp or 200 kg, averaged over the previous six tows; and

I accept, outside the NSA, in the Davis Strait management units of the Eastern Assessment Zone, the Board's recommendation to establish an Arctic cod bycatch limit of the greater of 5% by weight of the catch of shrimp or 200 kg, averaged over the previous six tows.

Bycatch designation for Northern Shrimp (*P. borealis*)

I accept, in the Nunavut-East management unit of the Eastern Assessment Zone, the Board's decision to remove the bycatch designation for *P. borealis* allocations.

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

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.

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Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

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