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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,

Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

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