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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

September 22, 2021

Mr. Brian Burke
Nunavut Fisheries Association

Dear Mr. Burke,

**Re: Board Decision in the Matter of a Submission by the Nunavut Fisheries Association
Regarding Shrimp Access Fees Charged by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Please be advised that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (the “Board” or “NWMB”) has considered the Nunavut Fisheries Association’s submission at its regular meeting held on September 9, 2021 (RM 003-2021) and has issued the following decision:

CONSIDERING that access fees do not constitute as a Plan for the management, classification, protection, restocking or propagation, cultivation or husbandry of particular wildlife, including endangered species, **THE BOARD** considers that its authority as it relates to the imposition of Access Fees by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as cited by the Nunavut Fisheries Association, is not applicable and respectfully declines to exercise its jurisdiction to consider this matter;

AND, CONSIDERING the high importance that the Nunavut Fisheries Association attributes to the issue of Access Fees imposed within the Nunavut Settlement Area, the Board encourages the Nunavut Fisheries Association to continue its efforts to address the matter directly with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Given the importance of the issues you raised to the Nunavut fishing industry, the Board encourages the Nunavut Fisheries Association and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to continue all necessary dialogue between your organizations to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion. The Board considers this matter closed.

Yours truly,

Daniel Shewchuk
NWMB Chairperson

cc. Derek Mahoney, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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