

August 18, 2019

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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Re: Increase in the WAZ Shrimp Allocations

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

On August 12, 2019 the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee (NSAC) issued a release on the 2019/20 Total Allowable Catch: Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. This release included a significant increase for both *P. borealis* (52%) and *P. montagui* (95%) in the Western Assessment Zone (WAZ). This letter is in response to this increase.

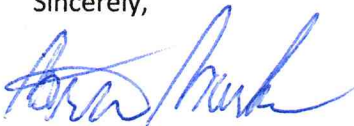
NFA was approached by staff of the NWMB shortly after the NSAC announcement to implement the new terms of the revised NWMB Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries for extraordinary increases in allocations, which states:

“... if any Nunavut allocation increase is equal to or greater than 15%, allocation holders will work together under Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA) or other interested industry membership, to determine proposed increases to each allocation holder, and bring this advice to the FAC and the NWMB. In the event NFA cannot reach a decision, the FAC will convene to review the issue and provide advice to the NWMB. After taking this advice into careful account, the NWMB will make a determination as to the fairest way to proceed, including potentially initiating a new application process for the increased amount for the affected fishery, regardless of the five-year term.”

Based on this clause, the two current allocation holders in the WAZ underwent a series of negotiations and have informed the NFA that an agreement has been reached on the proposed sharing of the increase in the WAZ allocations. A signed copy of this agreement is attached and recommends a 60%/40% split in the allocation increases between Baffin Fisheries (BF) and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation (QC) respectively.

NFA is pleased with the level of industry collaboration expressed through this and prior industry agreements. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian Burke
Executive Director, Nunavut Fisheries Association

Memorandum of Agreement

Between: **Qikiqtaaluk Corporation**, a body corporate duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of Canada (hereinafter referred to as “QC”)

And **Baffin Fisheries**, a federally incorporated not-for-profit (hereinafter referred to as “BF”)

(and each or all are referred to as the “party” or “parties” as the case may be)

Whereas the parties have agreed that it is mutually beneficial to establish an agreement where the increase in Western Assessment Zone (WAZ) shrimp (*P. montagui* and *P. borealis*) quota announced by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on August 12, 2019 is shared between current Nunavut WAZ shrimp allocation holders for the 2019 and 2020 fishing years in lieu of proceeding to a full quota application process via the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB);

Whereas the parties agree that in view of the major revisions to the Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries it is in the best interest of the parties and NWMB to delay a multi-year quota application to permit the parties to adjust their operations to conform to the revisions of the Policy;

Whereas the parties have agreed to compromise in the interest of coming to an agreed sharing arrangement of the 2019 WAZ quota increase and a demonstration of cooperation among the two active shrimp fishing quota holders.

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES ENTER INTO THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The parties agree to the following sharing arrangement: 60%/40% sharing of the new increase in WAZ *P. montagui* and *P. borealis* shrimp between BF and QC;
2. This proposal is based on the understanding that the parties would have their 2018 allocations become the base allocations and be considered part of their history.
3. This proposal is for a two-year period only ending on March 31 2021, but there would be an opportunity to extend or renegotiate a sharing arrangement if the parties agree and it is acceptable to NWMB. The achievement of this agreement is a demonstration of the parties’ ability to cooperate on future quota allocation matters.

4. Either party may, by notice in writing given as herein-before provided, change its address for notice hereunder, and such address so changed shall be deemed to be the address of that party for the purpose hereunder. Until notice of change of address is given by any party, the addresses for notice of the parties are:

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5. This agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the applicable laws of the Territory of Nunavut and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned, hereby certifying that they are authorized to do so, have executed this agreement on behalf of the parties on August 15, 2019.

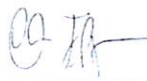


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Jerry Ell, Chairman
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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decision regarding the greater than 15 per cent increase to the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Northern and Striped Shrimp in the Western Assessment Zone (WAZ)

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 22, 2019 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision to modify the sub-allocations of Nunavut's Northern and Striped Shrimp resources in the WAZ for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fishing seasons.

In consideration of the decision of the NWMB, which supports the recommendations of the Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA), my decision is as follows:

I accept the NWMB's decision to sub-allocate the quota increases for both species to Baffin Fisheries Coalition and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation at 60 per cent and 40 per cent respectively.

Further, given that the NWMB's previous sub-allocation decisions were for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fishing seasons, the updated sub-allocations in the WAZ as described in Annex 1 will also apply to the 2020-21 fishing season.

Additionally, I acknowledge and commend the Nunavut enterprises on their collaboration achievements with regard to the sharing of these quota increases.

I look forward to continuing our work on the management of the commercial marine resources adjacent to Nunavut.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Attachment: Annex 1

ANNEX 1

Sub-Allocations of Nunavut's Northern and Striped Shrimp Resources to Nunavut Enterprises for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Fishing Seasons

| Species/Area | Enterprise | Per cent share | Season |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shrimp (<i>P. borealis</i>) - Davis Strait East | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 57% | April 1 – March 31 |
| | Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries | 14.5% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 28.5% | |
| Shrimp (<i>P. borealis</i>) Davis Strait West | Arctic Fisheries Alliance | 15% | |
| | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 35% | |
| | Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries | 15% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 35% | |
| Shrimp (<i>P. borealis</i> and <i>P. montagui</i>) - Nunavut/Nunavik East | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 70% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 30% | |
| Shrimp (<i>P. borealis</i>) Nunavut/Nunavik West | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 66.597% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 33.435% | |
| Shrimp (<i>P. montagui</i>) - Nunavut/Nunavik West | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 65.131% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 34.877% | |
| Shrimp (<i>P. borealis</i>) – SFA 1 | Baffin Fisheries Coalition | 40% | January - December 31 |
| | Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries | 20% | |
| | Qikiqtaaluk Corporation | 40% | |