

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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May 17th 2010

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Re: NWMB Decision on Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd Request to Increase the Range of Longline Hook Sizes in the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area

Dear Eric,

On April 27, 2010 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) considered a request by Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd to increase the range of longline hook sizes in the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area. The increase in range of the longline hook sizes would be used in hopes of reducing the large by-catch of Greenland Shark. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) staff presented a briefing on this matter to the Board at its Regular Board Meeting # 63.

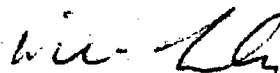
The NWMB is forwarding its decision to DFO, which is:

"MOVED that the NWMB, pursuant to S. 5.5.48 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, approve Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd. (PFL) request to allow the use of hook sizes ranging from #11-14 (gape size range of 10.6mm to 15.4mm), for commercial turbot fisheries in the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area"

The Board understands from DFO's presentation that catch data will continue to be collected respecting the use of new range of hook sizes, which will enable an evaluation of whether new range is effective in mitigating the by-catch concerns, and whether there are any indications that may have negative impacts on the turbot stock structure.

The NWMB is forwarding its decision directly to you for immediate implementation. If you have any questions or concerns with the content of this letter or the Board's decision, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB's wildlife staff.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Dear Eric,

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting No. 64, the Board considered a request by Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd, presented by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) staff, for an amendment to the decision made by the Board at Regular Meeting No. 63 to further increase the range of longline hook sizes in the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Zone. The increase in range of the longline hook sizes would be used in an effort to reduce the large by-catch of Greenland Shark.

The NWMB is forwarding its decision to DFO, which is:

"MOVED that the NWMB, pursuant to S. 5.6.48 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, approve Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd. (PFL) request to amend the recent NWMB decision on hook size non-quota limitation for the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Zone such that the range of hook sizes is in a range adequate for testing the hooks to decrease incidental by-catch during the Greenland Halibut fishery

The Board understands from DFO's presentation that catch data will continue to be collected respecting the use of new range of hook sizes, which will enable an evaluation of whether the new range is effective in mitigating the by-catch concerns, and whether there are any negative impacts on the turbot stock structure.

The NWMB is forwarding its decision directly to you for immediate implementation. If you have any questions or concerns with the content of this letter or the Board's decision please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB's wildlife staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie Nakoolak', with a stylized, cursive script.

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