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Mr. Willie Nakoolak Acting Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Nakoolak,

The Scientific Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) has provided Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommendations for the 2011 season for Greenland Halibut in NAFO Subarea 0 (Divisions 0A+1AB and 0B+1C-F).

Scientific Council advises that there is no basis to change advice from 2010 for the 2011 season and the TACs for 2011 should not exceed 13,000t for Division 0A+1AB and 14,000t for Division 0B+1C-F. The Canadian TAC will be 6,500t in Division 0A and 7,000t in Division 0B.

The relevant summary of this advice can be found on pages 44 and 45 of the NAFO Scientific Council report from the June 2010 meeting at http://www.nafo.int/publications/frames/science.html

DFO is seeking your advice on the recommended TAC level for 2011 for Divisions 0A and 0B. We would appreciate receiving your views on the recommended TAC levels by November 15, 2010 so that there are no delays in opening the fishery.

Sincerely,

Barry Rashotte

Director General

Resource Management

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November 23, 2010

Barry Rashotte
Director General
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200 Kent Street
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Dear Mr. Rashotte,

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) appreciates the opportunity to provide advice on the recommended Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Greenland halibut in Division 0A and 0B for the 2011 season. However, the NWMB would like to be clear that we are of the opinion that Fisheries and Oceans Canada did not provide a reasonable period of time (less than 2 weeks from our receipt) for the staff review, industry consultation, and necessary Board decision with regards to advice pertaining to the recommendations of the Scientific Council. As you are aware, advice such as this requires Board approval, which requires that the NWMB be given sufficient notice to convene a meeting of the Board for decision.

We will provide a response at this time to your request for advice on the recommended TAC levels, however we request more time for the review of such reports and recommendations in the future. The NWMB would also like to state that we are of the opinion that Fisheries and Oceans Canada should conduct consultations with the Nunavut fishing industry on recommendations of this nature that are so important to commercial fisheries in Nunavut's adjacent waters.

The NWMB has reviewed the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Scientific Council report with regards to the recommendations for 2011 TAC for Greenland Halibut in NAFO Subarea 0 (Divisions 0A+1AB and 0B+1C-F). In light of CPUE indices remaining stable in 0A and the recent increase to the turbot allocation for 0B in 2010, the NWMB concurs with the Scientific Council's advice that there is no basis to change advice from 2010 for the 2011 season. The NWMB acknowledges that TACs for 2011 should not exceed 13,000t for Division 0A+1AB and 14,000t for Division 0B+1C-F, with the Canadian TAC remaining at 6,500t in Division 0A and 7,000t in Division 0B.

The NWMB looks forward to continuing to work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to ensure that Nunavut's marine resources are developed and managed in a sustainable and fair manner for the equitable benefit of all Nunavummiut.

Sincerely,

Willie Nakoolak

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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