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December 13th 2012

Honourable Gail Shea
A/Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's recommendation for the 2013 NAFO Total Allowable Catches (TACs) for Greenland halibut (turbot) and information request

Dear A/Minister Shea,

On September 5th 2012, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a request from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) for its 2013 NAFO Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommendations for the Divisions 0A+1AB and 0B+1C-F Greenland halibut (turbot) fishery. The NAFO Scientific Council Meeting Report from June 2012 (SC 1-14) recommends that given the relatively stable biomass and catch per unit effort (CPUE) indices, the TAC for Division 0A+1AB should not exceed 13,000 tonnes, and the current TAC for Division 0B+1C-F should not exceed 14,000 tonnes (both status quo).

At its December 2012 meeting in Iqaluit, the NWMB made the following decisions regarding turbot Total Allowable Catch (TAC) levels for 2013:

RESOLVED that the NWMB support the recommended 2013 Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations in Divisions 0A+1AB (status quo 13,000 t) and 0B+1C-F (status quo 14,000 t) for Greenland halibut (turbot), as per NLCA s. 15.3.4.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWMB request that at the next NAFO Scientific Council meeting, DFO again seek a review of potential impacts of percentage increases in the TACs (e.g. 5%, 10%, 15%) for (1) Division 0A+1AB and (2) Division 0B+1C-F and that this information be provided to the NWMB prior to DFO requesting the NWMB's advice on the TACs for 2014.

The Board made the same request for an analysis of the impacts of different TAC levels on the stocks in their 2012 recommendation to DFO. The NAFO Scientific Council Meeting Report (SC 1-14) did not provide information on the requested risk analysis for Divisions 0A+1AB. However, it did indicate that increasing the Division 0B+1C-F TAC by 10% or 15% could put the sub-stock

at risk, but the recommended TAC posed a low risk. The report also indicated that a full quantitative risk assessment was not possible in 2012, and that the *F* ratio method used requires more investigation. While the NAFO TAC recommendations for 2013 are reasonable and conservative, the Board would like to re-emphasize the importance of investigating the impacts of higher TAC levels in order for the NWMB and DFO to respond to requests for increases in TAC, especially in Division 0A. With an additional year of data, the NWMB hopes that an analysis of impacts will be possible to help inform Board decisions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB with respect to this recommendation and request.

Sincerely,

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Manasie Audlakiak
A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc. Larry Dow, Eastern Arctic A/Director, Fisheries and Oceans Canada



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Votre référence

February 26, 2013

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Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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RE: The 2013 Canadian Greenland Halibut Total Allowable Catch in Division 0A and 0B

Dear Mr. Audlakiak,

This is to inform the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board that the Minister has considered the NAFO Scientific Council's recommendations, and the views of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Industry stakeholders.

The Minister has established the 2013 Canadian Total Allowable Catch at 6,500 t for Division 0A and 7000t for Division 0B.

Thank you for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's recommendation on this matter. I look forward to continued collaboration with the Board in this fishery.

Sincerely,

Larry Dow
Director, Northern Operations
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Central and Arctic Region