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March 29, 2019

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decisions and recommendations regarding allocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland halibut (turbot) and Northern shrimp resources for 2020-2021

Nunavut's commercial Greenland halibut (turbot) and Northern shrimp (Northern and Striped shrimp) allocations will expire at the end of the upcoming fishing season: turbot on December 31, 2019 and shrimp on March 31, 2020. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) is responsible for making decisions and recommendations on the commercial fisheries allocations of turbot and shrimp, inside and outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area as per the *Nunavut Agreement*.

At the NWMB's March 2019 Meeting (RM001-2019) the Nunavut Fisheries Association (Association) presented a submission (attached) to the Board requesting the following:

- 1. The NWMB decide and recommend to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to rollover all existing sub-allocations until a full Call for Applications in July 2020.
- 2. That NWMB support the Association's sharing agreement of the turbot increase in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization's Divisions OA and OB;

Board's Decision and Recommendations for Sub-allocations of Turbot and Shrimp

The revisions of the NWMB *Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries* (Allocation Policy) have been ongoing since early 2016 and were finalized at the December 2018 Meeting (INT 012-2018). The finalized revised 2019 Allocation Policy will be released in Spring of 2019. The Allocation Policy states that the Allocation Application Procedure for multi-year commercial fisheries allocations will be conducted at the end of each allocation cycle. The Call for Applications for the 2020-2021 fishing season was then scheduled to have been issued on July 1, 2019 as per the Board's Allocation Policy.

After careful consideration of the Nunavut Fisheries Association proposal, the Board has decided to

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and is recommending to Fisheries and Oceans Canada to rollover all existing sub-allocations until December 31, 2020 for the Greenland halibut fishery and March 31, 2021 for the Northern shrimp fishery. The Board supports and is in agreement with the Association that Industry needs time to familiarize themselves with the 2019 Allocation Policy and to adjust to the new terms of the 2019 Policy. Delaying the call will also give the public, including potential new entrants, the opportunity to become familiar with the Board's Allocation Policy.

It is the Board's intention to issue a Call for Applications on July 1, 2020 in time for the 2021-2022 fishing season, with all resulting Board allocation decisions and recommendations to be determined pursuant to the terms of the revised 2019 Allocation Policy.

<u>Board's recommendation on the sub-allocation of the total allowable catch increase for Greenland</u> halibut in Divisions OA and OB

The Board has decided to support the proposed sharing agreement for the turbot total allowable catch increase in Divisions 0A and 0B with the exception of the entry of Qikiqtani Fisheries Alliance (QFA). The Board does not recognize the Qikiqtani Fisheries Association as a legitimate suballocation recipient at this time since they have not been evaluated through the Board's Allocation Process. It would be against the fair and transparent process outlined in the Allocation Policy to allow a new entrant into the fishery without having undergone that application process.

The NWMB formally puts forward its decisions and recommendations to the Minister as follows:

- The NWMB recommends to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard that the 2019 turbot increase of the total allowable catch in NAFO Divisions 0A and 0B be allocated proportionally to the existing sub-allocation holders;
- The NWMB recommends to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, to rollover for one-year the existing Nunavut Turbot Sub-Allocations for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Divisions 0A and 0B, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26, 2017, until December 31, 2020, with the possible exception of a change in Total Allowable Catch of greater than 15%;
- The NWMB recommends to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, a one-year rollover for all existing Nunavut Shrimp Sub-Allocations for Shrimp Fishing Area 1, Davis Strait East, and Davis Strait West, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26, 2017 and August 11, 2017 until March 31, 2021, with the possible exception of a change in Total Allowable Catch of greater than 15%;
- The NWMB can confirm its decision to rollover for one-year the Nunavut Turbot Sub-Allocations for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Divisions 0A and 0B in the Nunavut Settlement



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Area, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26, 2017, until December 31, 2020, with the possible exception of a change in Total Allowable Catch of greater than 15%; and

The NWMB can confirm its decision to rollover for one-year the Nunavut Shrimp Sub-Allocations for the Eastern and Western Assessment Zone in the Nunavut Settlement Area, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26, 2017 until March 31, 2021, with the possible exception of a change in Total Allowable Catch of greater than 15%.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns with respect to the NWMB's decisions, recommendations and/or accompanying reasons – or to any other aspect of this letter – please do not hesitate to contact the Board at your convenience. The NWMB looks forward to receiving your response in the near future.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk

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Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachment:

Letter from NFA to NWMB Re: Proposed Sharing Agreement on 0A/0B Turbot Increase

Sylvie Lapointe, A/Director General, Fisheries Resource Management, Fisheries and c.c. Oceans Canada; and

Larry Dow, Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decisions and recommendations regarding suballocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland Halibut and Shrimp resources for the 2020 and 2020/21 season

Thank you for your correspondence from March 29, 2019 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decisions and recommendations for the sub-allocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland Halibut and Northern and Striped Shrimp (Shrimp) resources for the 2020 fishing season.

I understand that the Board has been undertaking a comprehensive review of the *Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Allocation Policy for Commercial Fisheries* (Allocation Policy) which will inform the Board's future allocation decisions and recommendations for my consideration. I appreciate the continued efforts of the Board in establishing a fair, equitable, open and transparent mechanism to guide its allocation decisions and recommendations.

In continuity with the sub-allocations set out in my letter to the Board dated August 24, 2018, I approve and accept the following:

I approve the Board's recommendations to rollover the existing Nunavut offshore suballocations to Nunavut enterprises for Greenland Halibut and Shrimp.

I accept the Board's decision to rollover the existing Nunavut sub-allocations to Nunavut enterprises for Shrimp inside the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA).

I accept the Board's decision to rollover the designation of 100 tonnes from the Division 0A Greenland Halibut offshore Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to be fished inside the NSA in Division 0A, until December 31, 2020.

For ease of reference, the sub-allocations of Nunavut's commercial marine resources to Nunavut enterprises are as defined in Annex 1 to this letter.

Further, with respect to sharing arrangements for the Greenland Halibut TAC increase for 2019 and 2020, I acknowledge and commend the Nunavut enterprises on their collaboration achievements.

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 (1)

Annex 1
Sub-Allocations of Nunavut's Commercial Marine Resources to Nunavut Enterprises – 2020

Species/Area	Enterprise	2020 Allocation	Season
Shrimp (P. borealis) - Davis Strait East	Baffin Fisheries Coalition	57%	April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021
	Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries	14.5%	
	Qikiqtaaluk Corporation	28.5%	
Shrimp (P. borealis) 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 (P. borealis and P. montagui) - Nunavut/Nunavik West	Baffin Fisheries Coalition	70%	
	Qikiqtaaluk Corporation	30%	
Shrimp (P. borealis) – SFA 1	Baffin Fisheries Coalition	40%	January 1, 2020- December 31, 2020
	Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries	20%	
	Qikiqtaaluk Corporation	40%	
Greenland Halibut-0A (Outside the NSA*)	Arctic Fisheries Alliance	20.759%	
	Baffin Fisheries Coalition	58.608%	
	Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries	11.899%	
	Qikiqtaaluk Corporation	8.734%	
Greenland Halibut-0B	Arctic Fisheries Alliance	14.035%	
	Baffin Fisheries Coalition	36.842%	
	Cumberland Sound/Pangnirtung Fisheries	33.333%	
	Qikiqtaaluk Corporation	15.789%	

^{*} Nunavut Settlement Area

Green differentiates stocks on a fiscal year from those on a calendar year

[❖] Blue shading is to differentiate ground fish stocks from shrimp stocks