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July 4, 2019

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
15th Floor, Centennial Towers
200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

Re: Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Request for Decision on the 2019 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Greenland Halibut

On June 19, 2019 at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) regular meeting (RM002-2019) Fisheries and Oceans Canada asked the NWMB to approve the 2019 *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)*. The plan includes Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Subarea 0 and applies to the turbot fishery in waters both inside and outside the *Nunavut Settlement Area*, except for the Cumberland Sound Management Area.

The NWMB considered this request during the In-Camera meeting (IC002-2019) on June 20, 2019, in Ottawa and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approves, pursuant to section 5.2.34(c) of the Nunavut Agreement, the 2019 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Greenland halibut.

In reaching this decision, the NWMB considered the following:

- The plan is not a legally binding, does not include changes to the current management regime, and its implementation will not affect the wildlife decision making process outlined in the *Nunavut Agreement*.
- The plan has been further revised since it was last approved by the NWMB in September 2013.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada consulted with the *Eastern Arctic Groundfish Stakeholder Advisory Committee* (EAGSAC), which includes Nunavut fisheries stakeholders and the NWMB during the development of the plan.



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The NWMB looks forward to continued collaboration with co-management partners in the management of the Greenland halibut stock that Nunavut fishes.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Kevin Bill, Regional Senior Fisheries Management Officer, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Minister of
Fisheries and Oceans



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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 4, 2019, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on the 2019 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for Greenland halibut.

Pursuant to section 5.3.18 of the Nunavut Agreement, I accept the Board's decision to approve the 2019 IFMP for Greenland halibut in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Subarea 0.

I appreciate the Board's collaboration and cooperation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the development of the IFMP and I look forward to continued collaboration with the Board in the management of this important resource.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Wilkinson".

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

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