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June 29th, 2018

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

Dear Minister LeBlanc:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decisions and recommendations regarding allocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland halibut (turbot) and shrimp resources for 2019-2020

Nunavut's commercial turbot (Greenland halibut) and shrimp (Northern and Striped shrimp) allocations will expire at the end of the upcoming fishing season: turbot on December 31st, 2018 and shrimp on March 31st, 2019. 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*.

The NWMB *Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries 2012* (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 2019-2020 fishing season was scheduled to have been issued on June 15th, 2018 as per the Board's 2012 Allocation Policy. However, after considering the ongoing revisions of the Allocation Policy, the Board has decided not to initiate the Allocation Application Procedure for the 2019-2020 fishing season. A final draft of the Allocation Policy is scheduled to go to the Board for formal approval as early as September 2018, and by no later than December 2018. It is the Board's intention to be in a position to issue a Call for Applications in time for the 2020-2021 fishing season, with all resulting Board allocation decisions and recommendations to be determined pursuant to the terms of the revised Allocation Policy.

At the Board's internal in-camera meeting (INT006-2018) on June 29th, 2018, the NWMB, after considering all the information, came to the conclusion that a one-year rollover of all allocations for Shrimp and Turbot both inside and outside the NSA is the best course of action. The NWMB formally puts forward its decisions and recommendations to the Minister as follows:

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- The NWMB recommends to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, to rollover for one-year the Nunavut Turbot Sub-Allocations for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Divisions 0A and 0B, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26th, 2017, until December 31st, 2019.
- The NWMB recommends to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, a one-year rollover for Nunavut Shrimp Sub-Allocations for Shrimp Fishing Area 1, Davis Strait East, and Davis Strait West¹, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26th, 2017 and August 11th, 2017 until March 31st, 2020.
- 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 Area, consistent with the Minister's decision letter of September 26th, 2017, until December 31st, 2019.
- 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 26th, 2017 until March 31st, 2020.

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,

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Daniel Shewchuk Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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¹ In regard to Davis Strait-West Management Unit, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board has been in communication with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans staff and can confirm that the intension of the July 6th 2017 letter form the NWMB to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada was to rollover the Davis Strait-West sub-allocation along with all other Nunavut Sub-Allocations.



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c.c. Sylvie Lapointe, A/Director General, Fisheries Resource Management, Fisheries and 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 on allocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland halibut and Shrimp resources for the 2019 season

I am writing in response to your correspondence of June 29, 2018, addressed to my predecessor, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decisions and recommendation for the allocation of Nunavut's commercial Greenland halibut and Shrimp resources for the 2019 fishing season.

I appreciate the efforts of the Board to establish a fair, equitable, open and transparent mechanism to guide the Board in determining its allocation decisions and recommendations. I understand that while the review process of the Board's *Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries* has been progressing, the review has not yet been completed. I also understand that the Board intends to be in a position to base its recommendations for the 2020 fishing season on its revised *Allocation Policy*.

I encourage the Board to continue to work with the Department on processes that work for both of us and for Nunavut enterprises.

For Davis Strait West, I note and accept that the intention of the Board's July 6, 2017 letter was to rollover allocations of Northern shrimp to Nunavut enterprises for both the 2017/18 and 2018/19 fishing seasons.

For the 2019 season, I agree to rollover the allocations to Nunavut enterprises for Greenland halibut and Shrimp as defined in Annex 1 to this letter. I also accept the Board's decision to designate 100t from the Division 0A Greenland halibut Total Allowable Catch for inside the Nunavut Settlement Area until December 31, 2019.

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I look forward to continuing our work on the management of the commercial marine resources adjacent to Nunavut.

Yours sincerely,

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