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the flexible quotas system for non-CBM communities were also approved by the Board in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008 and more recently in 2010. The flexible quota system would allow the Iviq HTO to borrow up to 15% of their annual quota for 2011, or a total of 3 narwhal tags. The one overharvested narwhal falls within this amount and approval of borrowing one narwhal tag from next year's quota is not believed to pose a conservation concern as there would be a corresponding reduction in next year's harvest limit.

Upon consideration of the information presented to the Board, the Board made the following decision:

*"Resolved that the NWMB approve the borrowing of 1 narwhal tag for the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization from the 2011 harvest season to the 2010 harvest season as per the flexible quota system".*

In the past, the NWMB has written directly to the HTO that requested the carry-over, informing the HTO of the Board's decision and copying Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on the correspondence. However, in the current circumstance this decision is being sent to you as per S 5.3.17 of the NLCA due to the recognition that your acceptance of the NWMB's decision to continue the flexible quota system pertained only to CBM communities.

In your September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 response to the Board's July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 decision you recommended that a formal policy outlining a narwhal carry-over system for all of Nunavut needed to be developed and recommended that the NWMB "...lead the development of a policy to guide the application of the flexible quota system". The NWMB responded in May, 2010 that it was in agreement that such a policy needed to be developed, but that DFO would be the appropriate lead due to DFO being responsible for the on-the-ground management of narwhal. The NWMB has since been informed that DFO staff are presently drafting a policy.

The NWMB looks forward to reviewing this draft policy and would like to take this opportunity to request that DFO staff provide the NWMB with the policy in time for review and subsequent approval at the NWMB's December Regular Meeting 66. Please note that the deadline for submissions to the Regular Meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Nakoolak:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 13, 2010, concerning the overharvest of narwhal by hunters in the community of Grise Fiord during the 2010 hunting season.

Pursuant to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I accept the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision that "...the NWMB approve the borrowing of one narwhal tag for the Iviq Hunters and Trapper Organization from the 2011 harvest season to the 2010 harvest season as per the flexible quota system."

Departmental staff in the Iqaluit office will contact the Iviq Hunters and Trapper Organization so that a narwhal tag may be issued to the appropriate hunter and also notify the Iviq Hunters and Trapper Organization that the quota for 2011 hunting season has been reduced to 19.

Yours sincerely,

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