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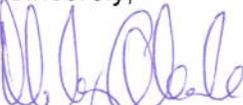
In consideration of the above, at the NWMB's Regular Meeting (number RM003-2011) held in Kugluktuk, Nunavut on October 17-18, 2011, the Board made the following resolution:

*"RESOLVED that the NWMB request that DFO communicate with relevant industry, communities, and Inuit organizations with respect to the proposed abridged listing processes for the species as per NLCA-SARA MOU s.3.2, and inform the NWMB of the results."*

As per the Board's resolution, the NWMB suggests that the Arctic Fisheries Alliance as well as Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd. be added to the list of industry partners to be consulted. Following receipt of the views from relevant industry, communities and Inuit organizations the NWMB will consider DFO's suggestion for an abridged listing process for the proposed listing of Northern Bottlenose Whale as per s.3.5 of the MOU.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB at any time if you have questions or concerns with respect to the Board's request.

Sincerely,



Mikidjuk Akavak  
Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc. Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.  
Richard Connelly, Executive Director, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat  
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Dear Mr. Akavak:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 4, 2011, in which you requested that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) communicate with relevant industry, community and Inuit organizations with respect to a possible abridged listing process for the Northern Bottlenose Whale (Davis Strait-Labrador Sea population).

I would like to thank the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board for its continuing cooperation and consideration of DFO's request for an abridged listing process. The Department is currently in the process of contacting the fishing industry and the Hunter and Trapper Organizations near the area of occurrence of these species to determine their views on an abridged listing process. The feedback received from these organizations will be available at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's March 2012 meeting, at which time the Board can further consider the possibility of an abridged listing process.

Once again, thank you for your prompt attention to our request.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Ashfield