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RESOLVED that pursuant to the Interim Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications for the Foxe Basin stock: Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization in Hall Beach (25 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

1. *That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans in Iqaluit;*
2. *That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada;*
3. *That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;*
4. *That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.*

Reasons for NWMB Decision

The NWMB received six applications to conduct walrus sport hunts from the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait Atlantic walrus stock. These applications, requesting a total of 39 walrus sport hunts, were submitted by outfitters from the communities of Coral Harbour and Arviat. The NWMB received one application from the Nunavut community of Sanirajak to hunt 25 walrus from the Foxe Basin stock.

Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 26). The individual quota of 4 walrus per Inuk per year (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 6(1)(c)) applies in Arviat and Sanirajak. Over the past five years, the average annual harvest of walrus in these three communities through sport hunts and subsistence hunts has been as follows:

Community	Sport Hunt Average	Subsistence Hunt Average
Coral Harbour	8	22
Arviat	0	1
Sanirajak	4	42

The requested number of walrus sport hunts for Hudson Bay-Davis strait stock is within the community or individual quotas and should not interfere with subsistence harvests. The hunt plans submitted also addressed the Interim Policy’s conditions regarding humane

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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on January 10, 2022 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2022. Pursuant to section 5.3.18 of the Nunavut Agreement, I provide the following written reply.

This letter is to confirm that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve five (5) walrus sport hunts for Jonathan Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, ten (10) walrus sport hunts for Darcy Nakoolak of Coral Harbour, seven (7) walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Leonard Netser of Coral Harbour, seven (7) walrus sport hunts for Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour, four (4) walrus sport hunts for Henik Lake Adventures of Arviat, and 25 walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association of Sanirajak for the 2022 season, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of January 10, 2022.

It is important to note that timely and accurate harvest reporting is required under the *Fisheries Act*, the *Marine Mammal Regulations*, the Nunavut Agreement, and as condition of the license for the sport hunt. I strongly encourage co-management organizations to emphasize the importance of harvest reporting and monitoring and providing the information to the Department.

Department officials in Iqaluit will notify the successful applicants. Once the Department's Iqaluit office has received all of the required information to complete a licence for the sport hunt, departmental officials will issue the licence.

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I look forward to continued collaboration with the NWMB and its technical staff on walrus co-management issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Joyce Murray, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard