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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on December 16, 2019 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decisions regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2020. 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 six (6) walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Lucassie Eetuk of Coral Harbour, four (4) walrus sport hunts for John Saimaut of Coral Harbour, ten (10) walrus sport hunts for Darcy Nakoolak of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Leonard Netser of Coral Harbour, fifteen (15) walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association, twenty-five (25) walrus sport hunts for the Igloodik Hunters and Trappers Association, and four (4) walrus sport hunts for Niko Inuarak of Pond Inlet for the 2020 season, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of December 16, 2020.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Jordan,
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard