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February 14, 2011

The Honourable Gail Shea Minister of Fisheries and Oceans 15th Floor, Centennial Towers 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A OEB

Re: NWMB decisions on walrus sport hunt applications for 2011

Dear Minister Shea.

On February 10, 2011 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) reviewed walrus sport hunts applications for the 2011 harvesting season. In accordance with sub-sections 5.2.34(d)(i) and 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), the Board approved sport hunt plans for four applicants, subject to specific conditions set out below.

The Board approved the 2011 hunt plan submitted by the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), including a sport hunt allocations for the 2011 harvesting season of 15 walrus, subject to the following conditions:

- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 4. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed;
- 5. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

The Board approved the 2011 hunt plan submitted by the Igloolik HTO, including a sport hunt allocations for the 2011 harvesting season of 25 walrus, subject to the following conditions:

- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 4. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed;
- 5. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

The Board approved the 2011 hunt plan submitted by Joe Amarualik of Resolute Bay and a sport hunt allocation for the 2011 harvesting season of three walrus, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant obtain written support from the Resolute Bay HTO;
- 2. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
- 3. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
- 4. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 5. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed;
- 6. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

The Board approved the hunt plan submitted by Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant obtain written support from the Coral Harbour HTO for the six requested sport hunts;
- 2. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
- 3. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
- 4. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 5. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed;
- 6. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

Should you accept the decisions of the NWMB with regards to the 2011 walrus sport hunts, the NWMB anticipates that implementation of the decisions by your department will include appropriate notification of walrus sport hunt allocation approvals to the applicants. The NWMB has communicated this to the applicants and applicants have been informed that the decisions are currently under your consideration as per the NLCA. Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to any of these decisions, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely

Mikidjuk Akavak Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Eric Kan, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Eastern Arctic Area Director

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Mr. Mikidjuk Akavak Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Akavak:

Thank you for your letters dated February 14, 2011 and March 8, 2011, conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision regarding the Walrus Sport Hunts for 2011.

This letter confirms that I accept the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision to approve 25 sport hunts for the Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Organization, 15 sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization, six sport hunts each for Aaron Emiktowt and Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour and three sport hunts for Joe Amarualik of Resolute Bay subject to the corresponding conditions set out in the Board's February 14th and March 8th letters for the 2011 season.

Departmental officials in Iqaluit will notify the successful applicants. Once the area office in Iqaluit has received all of the required information to complete the licence, departmental officials will be able to issue the licence for the sport hunt.

I look forward to continued collaboration with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and its technical staff on walrus co-management issues.

Sincerely,

≸ail Shea, P.C., M.P