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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.*

FURTHER MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications as per the Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy: Aaron Emiktowt of Siku Tours in Coral Harbour (seven walrus), Clifford Natakok of Natakok Outfitting Adventures in Coral Harbour (six walrus), Danny Pee of Polar Bear Adventures in Coral Harbour (five walrus), Darcy Nakoolak of Southampton Island Adventures in Coral Harbour (12 walrus), Jonathan Emiktowt of Touring Southampton in Coral Harbour (five walrus), Leonard Netser of Ancient Arctic Tours in Coral Harbour (eight walrus), and Luke Eetuk of E&E Outfitting in Coral Harbour (eight 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; and*
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.*

FURTHER MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications as per the Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy: Levy Uttak of Igloo Tourism and Outfitting in Igloolik (eight walrus), and Terence Uyarak of Anu Outfitting in Igloolik (four walrus), subject to the following conditions:

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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; and*
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on December 19, 2022 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2023. 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 walrus sport hunts for outfitters in the communities of Coral Harbour (51 hunts), Arviat (four hunts), Igloolik (12 hunts), Pond Inlet (six hunts) and Sanirajak (29 hunts) and 50 hunts for the Hall Beach (Sanirajak) Hunters and Trappers Organization subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of December 19, 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.

Departmental 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.

Yours sincerely,

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

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