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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on May 7, 2020 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decisions regarding additional 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 two (2) walrus sport hunts for Ryan St. John of Arviat, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of May 7, 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 applicant. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bernadette Jordan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

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