



Reasons for the NWMB’s Decision

After carefully reviewing the best available science and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, the Board determined that the Management Plan will help to facilitate local involvement in the management of the national wildlife area and the protection of its wildlife and wildlife habitats.

In reaching this determination, the Board took into consideration that:

- The Management Plan was developed jointly by Inuit from Clyde River—represented by members of the Ninginganiq Area Co-management Committee—and the Canadian Wildlife Service.
- The Area Co-management Committee prioritized Inuit involvement and inclusion of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the development of the Management Plan.
- The Management Plan does not impose any regulations on Inuit harvesting or traditional activities within the national wildlife area.
- The Ninginganiq Area Co-management Committee held in-person consultations in Clyde River. The committee also sought comments on the Management Plan from Nunavut organizations, federal organizations, and academia, and received feedback from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Government of Nunavut–Department of Culture and Heritage, McGill University-Department of Geography, and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

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The NWMB is forwarding its decision to you for your consideration pursuant to the terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Please contact the NWMB if you or your officials have any questions concerning the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc. Danica Hogan, Vice-chair, Ninginganiq Area Co-Management Committee.



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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your letter of December 10, 2020, concerning the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on the proposed final draft management plan for the Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area.

I am pleased to accept the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on this matter pursuant to Section 5.3.20 of the Nunavut Agreement, and I will move forward with the implementation of this decision.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Ninginganiq Area Co-Management Committee for all its efforts to complete the management plan. This is another great milestone as Environment and Climate Change Canada continues to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to collaboratively implement the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement for National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Ms. Danica Hogan, Vice-chair, Ninginganiq Area Co-Management
Committee

