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September 22nd 2017

Honourable Joe Savikataaq Minister of Environment Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

RE: Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment Proposal for a sport hunt limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut

On September 11th 2017, at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 003-2017), the Government of Nunavut — Department of Environment (Department of Environment) presented a proposal requesting that NWMB set a grizzly bear sport hunt limit of 10 tags for each of the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions until such time as there is more information on grizzly bear population size in Nunavut. The Department of Environment further informed that Board that: 1) there is currently no operational mechanism through which it can manage grizzly bear sport hunting without NWMB approval, and 2) sport hunting is an important income generating activity to Inuit.

On September 12th 2017, during its In-Camera meeting (IC003-2017) in Iqaluit, the NWMB considered the Department of Environment request and made the following resolution:

Resolved that pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB establishes an annual level of <u>harvesting</u> in each of the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of 10 grizzly bears for non-lnuit sport hunters.

Further recommends that the Department of Environment, working with Co-Management Partners consider amending its wildlife legislation (Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or Nunavut Wildlife Regulations) to include provisions for administering grizzly bear sport hunting.

In reaching this decision, the NWMB considered the following:

- There is no Total Allowable Harvest or mandatory non-quota limitations on Inuit Rights to harvest grizzly bears in the Nunavut Settlement Area;
- There is no conservation concern with the current level of grizzly bear harvesting in Nunavut (on average 22 grizzly bears are harvested per year in Nunavut and

this removal is lower than the Department of Environment recommended sustainable harvest rate of 2%);

- Grizzly bear sport hunting provides important economic benefits to communities;
- Twelve (12) Hunter and Trapper Organizations in the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions were consulted on the proposal and their recommendations were taken into consideration in determining the number of sport hunting tags;
- Other Co-Management partners supported the Department of Environment's proposal to establish grizzly bear sport hunt during the NWMB Regular Meeting (RM 003-2017) on September 11th 2017;
- The proposal maintains historic levels of grizzly bear sports hunting limits of 10 tags for each of the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions that was set by the Government of Northwest Territories.

The NWMB looks forward to your prompt reply and timely completion of the *Nunavut Agreement* Article 5 decision-making process. Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter, please contact the NWMB.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk

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Acting Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board



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October 9th, 2017

Mr. Daniel Shewchuk Acting Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O Box 1379 Igaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Shewchuck,

Re: Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment Proposal for a sport hunt limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut

Thank you very much for your decision concerning the Department of Environment's Proposal for sport hunt limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

Resolved that pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB establishes an annual leave of <u>harvesting</u> in each of the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of 10 grizzly bears for non-Inuit sport hunters.

Further recommends that the Department of Environment, working with Co-Management Partners consider amending its wildlife legislation (Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or Nunavut Wildlife Regulations) to include provisions for administering grizzly bear sport hunting.



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I would like to request an extension for decision until February 2, 2018 as the current government has dissolved. Once the new government is established and the government will be in a position to make decisions and implement changes accordingly.

I welcome your correspondence on this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joe Savikataaq

Minister of Environment

Cc. Simon Awa - Deputy Minister, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut (GN)



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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk Acting Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O Box 1379 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0



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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: NWMB decision on Department of Environment proposal for a sport hunt limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut

Thank you very much for your decision concerning a sport hunting limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

Resolved that pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB establishes an annual level of harvesting in each of the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of 10 grizzly bears for non-Inuit sport hunters.

Further recommends that the Department of Environment, working with Co-Management Partners consider amending its wildlife legislation (Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or Nunavut Wildlife Regulations) to include provisions for administering grizzly bear sport hunting.

I hereby accept your decision under *Section 5.6.16* of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* to enact an annual harvesting restriction of twenty (20) grizzly bears; this quota will be shared equally between the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions at ten (10) bears per region. This harvest restriction will apply to residents, non-residents, and non-resident foreigners as they are defined in the *Wildlife Act*. I will proceed to implement this decision immediately.

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With regards to your recommendation on amending the Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or the Nunavut Wildlife Regulations, I will be taking this issue under advisement. If either the Act or Regulations are amended, the Government of Nunavut will work with you and the other co-management partners in this endeavour.

I look forward to continued cooperation with the NWMB on the issue of wildlife management.

Sincerely,

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Minister of Environment

Cc. Pauloosie Suvega - Deputy Minister, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut