

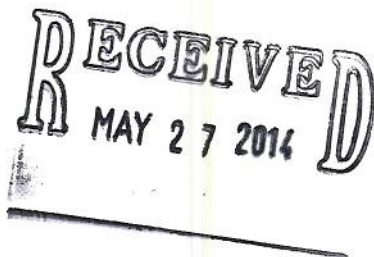
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Mr. Ben Kovic
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Dear Mr. Kovic:

I am responding to your letter of March 21, 2014, regarding the proposed listing of the western population of grizzly bear as a species of special concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

I am pleased that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board has completed its public consideration for this proposed listing, and that it has agreed to the listing of this species under the Act.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding to Harmonize the Designation of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the Listing of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* (ss. 3.15), I accept the Board's decision.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment



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