



## News Release

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### Board Chair Appointment

Daniel Shewchuk appointed by the Governor General in Council as Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

June 29, 2018, Iqaluit, Nunavut - By Order in Council dated June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Her Excellency the Governor General in Council has appointed Daniel Shewchuk to be Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), for a term of four years.

“We’re pleased to have Daniel officially assume the role of Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board” said Jason Akearok, Executive Director. “It will be a smooth transition as we continue to build on the work accomplished while Daniel was Acting Board Chair.”

Through his distinguished and multi-faceted career in Nunavut, Mr. Shewchuk has become well known to Nunavummiut. From 2001 to 2008 he was a highly effective Wildlife Manager in the Kivalliq Region. Elected in October of 2008 to represent the constituency of Arviat in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Shewchuk went on to serve as the Minister of Environment, Minister of Human Resources, Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College and Minister of Justice.

Shortly after retiring from territorial politics in 2013, Mr. Shewchuk was appointed to the NWMB - on the recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans - from 2014 to 2018. For the last two years of his term, he was selected by his fellow members to be the Acting NWMB Chairperson. After a competitive process for a Chairperson earlier this year, the members unanimously nominated Mr. Daniel Shewchuk for formal appointment by the Governor in Council.

The NWMB wishes to congratulate Mr. Shewchuk on his well-deserved appointment, and looks forward to another four years of collaborative and successful co-management of Nunavut wildlife under his excellent leadership.

The NWMB is the main instrument of wildlife management in Nunavut. The NWMB's mission is to conserve wildlife (and wildlife habitat) for the long-term benefit of all Nunavut residents while fully respecting Inuit harvesting rights and priorities. The NWMB and its co-management partners work together to make decisions about the management of wildlife in Nunavut. The Board bases its decisions on the knowledge of wildlife managers, users and the public, and on up-to-date research based in Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit and science.

The appointment of Daniel Shewchuk will assist the NWMB in fulfilling its vision – Nunavut: a world class model for the cooperative management of healthy wildlife populations.

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