

Therefore, the co-management partners unanimously decided that it was in the best interests of Nunavummiut to postpone making the NWMB TAH/BNL decision on this char fishery to facilitate procedural fairness and public notice requirements.

This decision will not hinder your community from continuing its 2000 kg char harvest in Kingnait Fjord this year. The harvest will be conducted exactly the same way and under the same restrictions and rules as it was last year. Accordingly, the co-management partners determined that there is no need at this time to hold the May 16th meeting with the HTO and the community.

The co-management partners are continuing the process of establishing a TAH/BNL for the char fishery in Kingnait Fjord and anticipate that the NWMB will make a formal decision later this year. We will be contacting your HTO and community at a later date on this issue. The co-management partners look forward to working with you in this process.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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