



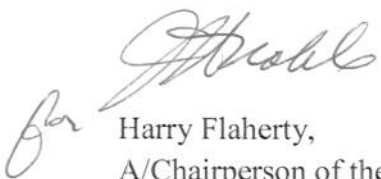
Mr. Kan's letter goes on to request that "...the discussion of the Lang Michener document and other issues relevant to the discussion be deferred until a later date, which would be sufficient for all parties to review the document." The NWMB is not prepared to place limitations on either written or oral submissions at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing, except to require that they be relevant to the purpose of the hearing. That being said, parties are free to respond - in their later submissions regarding the Lang Michener opinion - to any arguments or evidence presented at the hearing regarding that opinion.

If a quantitative harvesting limitation for Kingnait Fjord Char is justified by sufficiently reliable and persuasive evidence, the NWMB will establish a TAH. As set out in Section 5.6.20 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), the BNL constitutes the first demand on the TAH. In addition, should the TAH be higher than the (adjusted) BNL, a Surplus is automatically established (NLCA Section 5.1.1).

Accordingly, if the Board establishes a TAH, it will be required by necessity to strike a BNL, and may need to make decisions as to the allocation of the Surplus. In making its decision with respect to a TAH, the NWMB will carefully consider the current hearing documents, written submissions delivered by May 27<sup>th</sup>, and oral submissions delivered on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. In making any BNL or Surplus determinations, the Board will consider any hearing documents and submissions that are relevant, including the written submissions regarding the Lang Michener opinion, delivered by July 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,



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