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Re: Request by Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association to transfer 100t inshore exploratory turbot allocation to be harvested outside of the NSA (offshore).

**Dear Sir:**

With regards to the May 10 2013 letter to NWMB, we make the following comments:

- The terms and conditions to receiving this 100t was very clear, specifically, it had to be fished within the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and not outside the NSA.
- Over the past number of years BFC had requested, towards the end of the harvesting season(s) in 0A on several occasions to have the 100t transferred to the offshore, but in all instances were informed that this could not be done.
- If BFC felt that the option was there to put forward a proposal to have the 100t transferred to the offshore then it would have put forward a proposal accordingly. Arctic Fishery Alliance of which Nattivak HTA is a member has a vessel the Suvak, so why can she not set her nets in the area indicated to carry out the work required.
- We would also like to receive a copy of the application that Nattivak HTA made to QWB for the 100t. What commitments were made in the application to QWB in order to receive the 100t.
- It is our understanding that the vessel indicated does not have freezing capacity, therefore it appears that this is another way for an existing allocation holder to gain more access to the existing offshore allocations.

In summary we are not in favour of this request unless other allocation holders are given the same opportunity

If you have any questions then please direct your questions to our CEO Mr. Jerry Ward.

Sincerely

  
Jacobie Maniapik, Chairman  
Baffin Fisheries Coalition