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RE: Baffin Fisheries response to written public hearing on the draft revised Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries

Dear Mr. Shewchuck,

Baffin Fisheries submits the following request:

1. That the language of the draft Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Allocation Policy be amended to support statements made by NWMB legal counsel during the August 2018 consultation session, namely:

    a. That allocations awarded at full allocation review cycles are intended to remain with the allocation holder, and will only be reduced in extreme cases, and

    b. That notice, verification, and opportunity to respond are required before any reductions in allocation are made. In other words, the Policy is intended to incorporate a formal, written warning process identifying missed targets and gaps in interim annual report years, providing an opportunity for corrective action so that allocation reduction can be avoided, and unnecessary risks to economic viability mitigated.

2. That the language of the draft Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Allocation Policy be amended to support consensus reached during the August 2018 consultation sessions, namely that new entrants shall be eligible to enter the Nunavut fishery only when new allocations become available.

Thank you for your consideration,

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