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Re: NWMB Call for Allocation Applications 2020

May 12, 2020

Dear Jason

Thank you for forwarding the letter from Arctic Fisheries Alliance requesting a delay in the NWMB's Call for Allocation Application for 2020/2021.

Baffin Fisheries is confident it will be able to complete its allocation application this year and is not requesting a delay at this time. Baffin Fisheries acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic will cause some inconvenience in the preparation of applications, and that strategic plans may evolve over time as the pandemic evolves. However, the impact of COVID-19 should be equal to all Nunavut fishing enterprises.

The allocation process is important for Baffin Fisheries to secure bank financing and economic certainty, as it moves forward with required fleet renewal plans, and Nunavut economic investment plans.

If the pandemic affects the NWMB's ability to conduct the review process, Baffin Fisheries is willing to enter discussions and consultation on how to address all issues, and is open to changes that may be required to ensure a fair and transparent review process.

Sincerely,

David Alexander, Chairman
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