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Re: AFA Request for Delay in Full Call for Applications

Dear Mr. Shewchuk & Mr. Akearok:

Qikiqtaaluk Corporation (QC) is writing to express its opposition to the request submitted by the Arctic Fishery Alliance (AFA) for a one year delay in the NWMB's full call for applications, as scheduled under the *2019 Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries*.

As you are aware, in the past QC expressed deep disappointment in the several delays that occurred in finalizing the revised 2019 policy, delays that resulted in the sharing of allocations being maintained at levels that were detrimental to our company for an extended period of time. To allow time for industry to become familiar with the changes to the policy, we agreed to work with other members of the Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA) on a two-year agreement for the sharing of the 2019 increase in turbot in OA and OB and sharing of the increase in WAZ shrimp. In both cases, these agreements helped improve QC's allocations of adjacent resources. With these agreements expiring in 2020, QC does not feel that any further delay in the multi-year allocation process is warranted.

This full call is the only opportunity provided to industry to obtain a reset and redistribution of allocations based on their past performance and future commitments. Companies should be willing and ready to stand by their activities and performance over the past several years, in terms of their financial performance, the benefits they have provided to Nunavut, and meeting the commitments they have made. QC is proud of its commitments and performance and feels that the time has finally come for this to be reflected in its share of adjacent turbot and shrimp allocations administered through the NWMB.

AFA is requesting the delay largely based on the impacts of COVID-19. From QC's perspective, COVID-19 is impacting on all members involved in the Nunavut fishery and on all aspects of the economy.



We are confident that the impacts we will all feel in 2020 will be considered by NWMB in its future deliberations. In fact, the full submission will primarily reflect the results for years up to 2019, since the 2020 season is ongoing, so the current situation would have no impact on this past performance. In addition, we are all managing our businesses to continue fishing during the pandemic and, although this entails extra effort and commitment, QC is moving forward with its operations and does not feel that the already scheduled completion of this full submission would add unwarranted or unmanageable requirements.

In summary, QC is requesting that the NWMB proceed with the long-scheduled full call for multi-year allocations. We look forward to the opportunity to outline for the NWMB our part performance and our extensive commitments to the future benefit of Nunavut.

Regards,

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Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans

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