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October 08, 2019

Honourable Joe Savikataaq Minister of Environment Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

Re: Proposal to Approve the Baffin Island Caribou Management Plan

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting in Iqaluit on September 11, 2019 (RM003-2019), your department asked the NWMB to approve the *Baffin Island Caribou Management Plan* (management plan). The goal of the management plan is to serve as "an adaptive guide to harvest and monitoring of the Baffin Island caribou population."

At the NWMB's In-Camera Meeting in Iqaluit on September 12, 2019 (IC003-2019), the Board considered your proposal, along with records of government consultations with affected communities in the Qikiqtaaluk Region. The NWMB raised the following concerns:

- The lack of specific management actions to address current threats to Baffin Island caribou.
- The management plan has not been updated to include recent changes to Baffin Island caribou harvest non-quota limitations
- The QWB did not provide and comment on the content of the proposed management plan. Even though your department accommodated the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board's (QWB) requests for deadline extensions in three instances.

The NWMB has written to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) to request that they provide their position on the content of the management plan to your department for consideration by December 13, 2019.

The NWMB, therefore, recommends that your department consider the points raised above and to consider the written comments from the Qikiqtaaluk Board if any.

The Board will be pleased to consider the Proposal once the points above have been addressed.



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Yours sincerely,

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